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THE LION'S ROAR NEWSPAPER

Getting to Know...

Señora Nesci



Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Nesci is actually really interesting. She has worked at other schools but enjoys working at CHS. Besides the classes Señora Nesci teaches at CHS, she has also taught high school. When she teaches, she loves when kids get excited about learning. Mrs. Nesci's family includes her husband, four grown kids, three daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren! She attended Carthage College and Western Illinois University. Her favorite hobbies are sewing and walking outside, even in the winter! Her favorite foods are dark, but not too dark chocolate and pizza. Fun fact, Señora Nesci isn't Spanish or Mexican even though she teaches Spanish!

by Antonio Llamas, 7th Grade



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

March is just around the corner and I want to take time to highlight two events that will be happening next month. The first is that Christian Hills School will be hosting the Elementary Speech Meet for our region of the Association of Christian Schools International. This event will take place on Friday, March 16th. At this time, we have eight schools and over 200 students participating. This is the first time that we have hosted an academic event in many years. Because this is such a huge meet, it will be necessary to cancel classes for our student body as every room in the church and school will be used. Also, every one of our staff members will be involved in the meet in some capacity. The speech meet involves elementary students from first through sixth grade so some of your children will be participating in the meet. In addition, some of our older students will be acting as volunteers on that date. Information on the meet will be going home to all parents this coming Friday, March 2nd.

The second event occurs the following Friday, March 23rd. This is our annual Spring Banquet which is our largest fundraiser of the year. We invite all parents and members of the church to participate in this evening of silent auctions items, food, and entertainment. This year, we are raising funds to replace lockers, desks, chairs, and put in a new gym floor. The School Committee is also looking towards future projects. Currently, they are in the very early stages of determining what it would take to build a larger gym on the west side of the church. Without your generosity, it would be impossible to make improvements in programs and equipment.

ACSI Spelling Bee



In the Regional Spelling Bee, our CHS competitors did a great job. This is the list of the Regional Spelling Bee finalists and how they did.

Elias Ricks-4th grade-2nd place

Alyssa Espano-5th grade-3rd in class level-took 2nd in the 5th through 8th Spell Off.

Karalyn White-6th grade-4th place

Meher Swamy-8th grade-3rd in class level-took 4th in the 5th through 8th Spell Off

They all went to Christian Life School in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Not all of the kids who placed first in the in-school spelling bee decided to go to regional.

Alyssa and Meher will be traveling to Indiana Wesleyan on March 16th. We wish them luck and safe travels to Indiana and place first.

by Jackson Bergeron, 7th Grade



ACSI Speech Meet

by Phillip White, 8th Grade

The Regional Speech Meet will be held on March 16th, and for the first time, we are hosting it this year. The winners for the in-school event for first grade were: Joel Mathew, Sophia Dewar, Elynn Turner, Anastasia Maravillas. Those are in order from first to fourth. The second grade was: Gabriel Smith, Taya Balaskas, Laila Berry, Olivia Gillies, Gwen Stiles, and Abigail Longfellow. Third grade's winners were: Emma Weeks, Alison Pavoni, Caitlyne Disser, Gage Koloskus, Makayla Harley, and Solomon Mitchell. The winning fourth graders were: Annie Bergeron, Poppy Mahalick, Elias Gianni Balaskas, and Daniel Johnson. Fifth grade's winners were: Shama Patel, Jadyn Gillies, Alyssa Espano, Kameron Cleveland, Joely MacRitchie, and Chelsea Brooks. And finally, the sixth grade winners were: Karalyn White, Myah Weeks, Jazmyn Nelson, Gabriela Huisman, Morgan Pate, Isaiah Hendricks, Michael Dunn, and Jacob Conway. The schools that will be participating in the Regional Speech Meet are Trinity Christian School, Tri County Christian School, Saint Peter Lutheran School, Harvest Christian Academy, Faith Christian School, and CHS. Be sure to come and encourage all our competitors!

CHS Annual Spring Banquet

Once again we are preparing for the annual Spring Banquet here at CHS. I am assuming everyone is going to have fun. There will be a silent auction, food, and a lot of other stuff. It is happening really soon. So be prepared to have fun! This was planned by the PACHS Committee (Parents at Christian Hills School). They said it was going to be soooooo fun. They also said that they put a lot of time and effort into it, and it cost a lot. This is going to be the best one yet they said. Don't forget to bring some "moneyz" because there is going to be some bidding. There is an online silent auction before the banquet so check it out. There is going to be an entertainer, named Pastor Brett Hollys. Be prepared for the best banquet ever.

by Ethan Blohm, 7th Grade

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PENNY WAR

GOAL: NEW RECESS EQUIPMENT

Monday, February, 26th - Friday, March 2nd
Location - School Lobby

RULES:
Each class will have their own jug for collecting money

GAIN POINTS:
by adding PENNIES AND BILLS to your class jug

LOWER POINTS:
to other classrooms by adding SILVER COINS to their jug

PENNIES & BILLS
All pennies and bills
ADD to your classroom's total

SILVER COINS
All silver coins
SUBTRACT from the classroom's total

POINTS:	
ADDING:	SUBTRACTING:
PENNIES +1 Point	NICKELS -5 Points
\$1 Dollar +100 pts	DIMES -10 points
\$5 Dollars +500 pts	QUARTERS -25 points
\$10 Dollars +1000 pts	
\$20 Dollars +2000 pts	

PRIZE:
20 minute extra recess and pizza lunch for winning classroom!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

This year, the girls basketball team is doing great! We only have a 4th and 5th grade elementary team this year, and they have a 2-2 record. The team players are Annie Bergeron, Chelsea Brooks, Kennedy Brooks, Adonai Cox, Daniela Dodge, Jadyn Gillies, Joely MacRitchie and Poppy Mahalick. They still have games against KTA, FOFCA, Grace, and TCS. The team had a home game against Trinity Eagles on February 15th. Unfortunately, they lost 10-14. However, they won against Grace. On March 9th and 10th they're have their tournament at Grace; good luck girls! So far, they are doing great and have a lot of games ahead of them to win. I hope they win their games before tournament and win that too. I wish them the best cheer for the girls. GO LIONS!

by Adrienne Brown, 7th Grade



Just this cold month, the Kindergarten and the 2nd grade classes went to Brookfield Zoo. When they got there, they said the weather was really cold, sunny, and slightly windy. They were all bundled up but when they got indoors they got really hot. I asked them questions about what they did. A lot of them said that they saw animals, painted their faces, went to the park, and they had a lot of fun. They said that their favorite animals were dolphins, leopards, tigers, bears, eels, wolves, eagles, penguins, fish, monkey, alligators, crocodiles, and sloths. They also went to see the dolphin show. They said that there were a lot of things that the dolphins did that were cool. The dolphins jumped through hoops, looked like they were walking on water, and did backflips. One funny incident that happened was when a bird pooped on one of the students head. When that happened all of the kids started laughing. It was obviously a fun trip for the students.

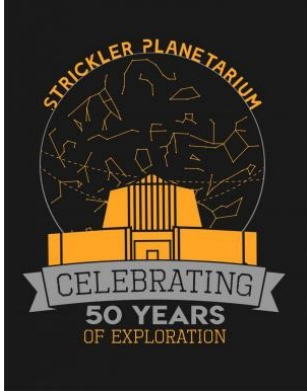
by Marcello Gamboa, 7th Grade



3rd Grade Field Trip to the Strickler Planetarium

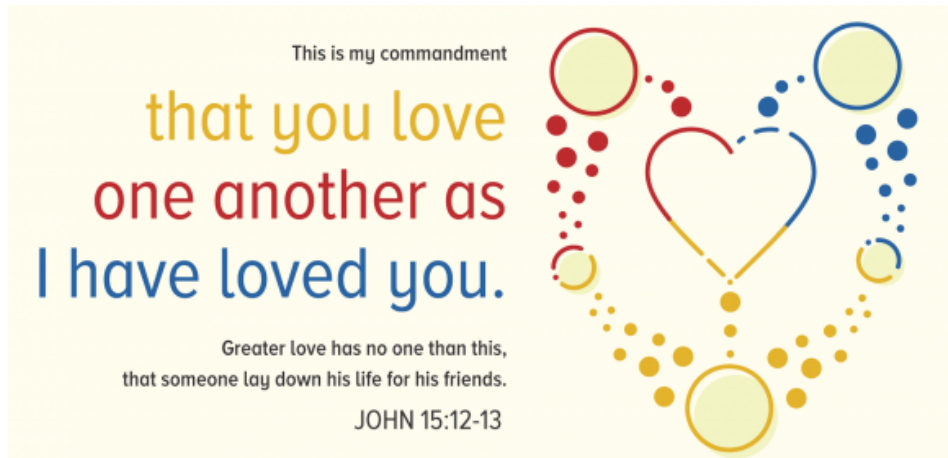
by Kristian Larimer, 8th Grade

The 3rd graders took a very fun and interesting field trip to the Strickler Planetarium at Olivet Nazarene University of Bourbonnais. One interesting fact is that Ms. DeVries went to college there, and she was able to show all the 3rd graders where she stayed and all the buildings. They also got to see her sister who attends the same college. They saw two planetariums, and they were able to have a sneak peek at the brand new observatory. They saw some pretty interesting stuff while they were there. They saw two shows about the stars and planets, a telescope from the 1940's, and the observatory. Overall, the 3rd graders had a blast at the planetarium and you should check it out sometime!



Bible Verse of the Month

presented by LJ Berry, 7th Grade



Going Home



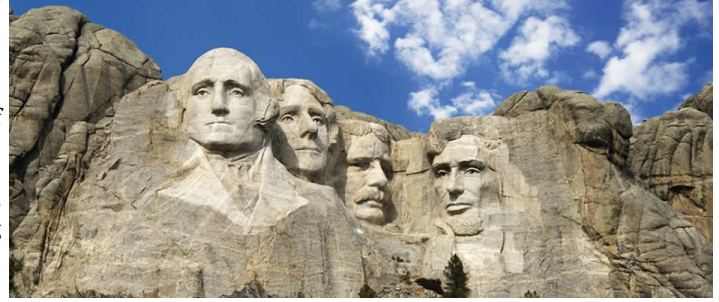
A continuing story by Gabe Conway, 8th Grade

"Ok, this time I have a good feeling we will get in!" Trip says as he starts up the unique weapon. "It was an intense break-in at the Tech Lab in Korea but it was worth it, now that we have this teleportation gun!" Trip finishes with a cackle. Brutus responds with, "Do you know how it works?" "Nope!" Trip laughs, "but how hard can it possibly be?" Trip proceeds to press a few buttons when all of a sudden a small beam shoots out, and an oval shaped hole appears in the sky. "Woah!" Trip yells. Brutus even raised an eyebrow at this. Trip then meddles with more buttons when another hole appears, this time on the ground. "Cannonball!" Trip shouts as he jumps into the hole on the ground, reappearing in the hole above, falling on the ground. "Oh this is gonna be fun!" Trip states as he hops back up. Standing outside the walls, Trip aims the gun up on the wall and the ground. They both jump in and land on the wall with ease. "Finally we made it!" Trip screams in delight, but then Brutus points back to the desert and says, "don't get your hopes up just yet.." Trip doesn't see anything at first but then sees the faint outline of cars and planes heading in that direction.

Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is a day to celebrate our presidents both past and present. It used to be called Washington's Birthday and still is to this day. I think that this day is a day to honor our president, and a free way to get a day off of school. It is also a day for remembering our past presidents and their great work, like President Abraham Lincoln for work at ending slavery; President George Washington fighting in the Revolutionary War, winning America's freedom; and President Thomas Jefferson for his part in writing the Declaration of Independence. Some people may use this day as a day to catch some rest. We should love our leader even if we don't like what they do. They won the right to be called President and we should respect that title. My favorite president is President Abraham Lincoln because it was his work that ended slavery freeing thousands of people.

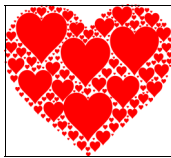
by Cameron Disser, 7th Grade



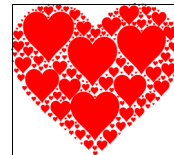
Susan B. Anthony

by Aylissa Powell, 8th Grade

Susan Brownell Anthony was born February 15, 1820 and passed away March 13, 1906. Many people knew her as a suffragist, abolitionist, author, speaker, and president of an association. Susan was an American writer, lecturer, and "Abolitionist who was a leading figure in the women's voting rights movement." She was the second oldest out of eight; only five lived to be adults. Susan was raised in a Quaker family and went to work as a teacher to help her father's business after it went down the drain. She later partnered up with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan would eventually lead the "National American Woman Suffrage Association". She fought for the rights of women to vote and it is the 19th amendment in the U.S. Constitution that gave women a right to vote. Because of her dedication and hard work "the U.S. Treasury Department put Susan B. Anthony's portrait on the dollar coin in 1979". She was one of the first women to be so honored.



Valentine's Day



As most of you know, February 14 is Valentine's Day. You may think it is just a day to celebrate love, but it actually has a pretty interesting history. It all started when Roman Emperor Claudius II wanted brave men for his army. He thought that love would make the soldiers less cautious, so he outlawed marriage for his soldiers. There was one brave man who disagreed with Claudius. His name was Valentine. He disobeyed Claudius's rules and performed marriage ceremonies secretly. Unfortunately for Valentine, Claudius eventually found out and put Valentine to death. This murder occurred on February 14, which gives us the term Valentine's Day. It seems odd that a day all about love and kindness to each other is remembrance of a sad death. Even if it is a sad reason to celebrate, Valentine's Day is still a fun day to show your love and appreciation for the people you care about. Just remember that if it weren't for Saint Valentine and his courage to find love where there was none, there would not even be a Valentine's Day!

by Allison Gillies, 7th Grade



Jordans have been an iconic shoe to the hypebeast community and to all people to be honest. Then they started to blow up even more by doing collaborations with other basketball players and other clothing brands. That is pretty much what this shoe is. The shoe we are talking about this week is the Off-White Jordan Ones. Now Off-White isn't too well known for their shoes, but after they did their huge collaboration with Nike's Jordan line and a few other Nike lines, it brought even more attention to both companies. Now, Off-White is definitely considered designer, so the fact that they did a collaboration with a shoe company with that much attention; it's bound to have a really high price. This shoe costs from \$2000 to \$10,000. But the fact is, they actually made a shoe that looks really good. They did a lot of stuff to that Jordan shoe to make it look different and put an Off-White spin on it. Pretty much what they did is, they took the same exact design of the Jordan ones and put a different color on it. They have done this to a lot of Nike shoes.

by Micaiah Klimek, 7th Grade



The newest Marvel movie is the story of a lesser known Marvel character called Black Panther, or T'Challa as he goes by in his city, Wakanda. Wakanda is an African city that appears poor to the outside world, but has tech far more advanced than even Tony Stark has. The source of all their technology is from the strongest metal discovered by man, known as Vibranium. Vibranium is used as a power source and a material. The Source of Wakanda's Vibranium is a meteor that, as they claimed, landed millions of years ago. The protector of Wakanda is their king and leader Black Panther. Black Panther gets his powers from the juice of a magic flower. The Enemy is a man with an Australian accent, and another guy from Oklahoma named Kill Number. Overall, I would give this movie a 4.5 out of 5 Star rating for it's great content. Also, the songs were pretty lit. This movie is rated PG-13.



for younger viewers. This movie will keep you on the edge till the end. It is a must see for anyone who is interested in the Maze Runner series.

This movie, based on the book *The Death Cure*, is about a fight for survival from an association called W.I.C.K.E.D.. The main character, Thomas, portrayed by Dylan O'Brien, leads his group of friends who call themselves the Gladers. As they work together to find a cure to the deadly disease called the Flare, all their questions are answered. And, their most important question is answered; where is the cure? Watch the movie to find out. This movie is rated PG-13, and some scenes and language may be inappropriate by Eli Weeks, 7th Grade

by Meher Swamy, 8th Grade



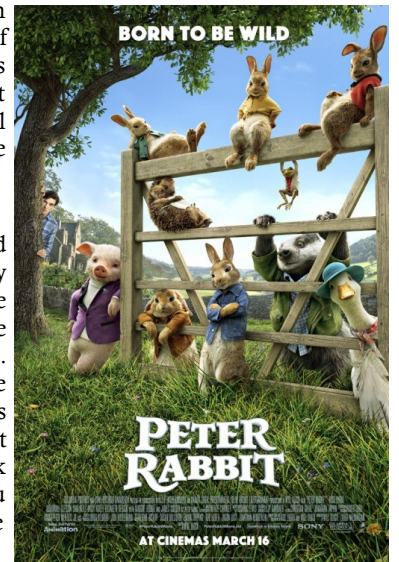
Movie Review 1



PADDINGTON 2

Paddington 2 is a sequel to the first movie about a British bear who lives in a neighborhood with a loving family and loving residents. He has earned their trust and they all like him. One day, he remembers his aunt's 100th birthday, and she wants to see what London looks like. He finds a couple of jobs to earn the money for a book about London for his aunt. While working, he sees a thief take the book, and Paddington chases him. When Paddington almost catches him, the man disappears into a cloud of smoke. Cops only see Paddington at the crime, and they believe it was him. He was framed and now is in jail. Will the real criminal be found? Will Paddington get out of jail? You have to see the movie to find out! Paddington 2 is a fantasy/adventure PG rated movie.

by Louis Longfellow, 8th Grade



This movie is about the secret life of forest animals. It is based on the book of the same name by Beatrix Potter. Peter is very risky, charming, and thinks he can take anything he wants. He and his friends are in a feud against Mr. McGregor. While they are partying and having fun, McGregor ruins the party. The home and garden is McGregor's, but Peter wants to take over it. Peter and his friends are trying to do just that in this movie; they are trying to take his party house back which isn't really his. So Peter and McGregor are in a race to get back

whose ever home it is. Let's see which one lays claim on this home and land! This movie is PG so I hope you and your family enjoy this adventurous and funny movie.

by Zedekiah Ruff, 7th Grade



SUPER BOWL

This year, the Super Bowl was a really good match up and a good game. The New England Patriots were matched against the Philadelphia Eagles. It was a hard fight, but the Eagles won 41-33. The commercials this year were funny. My favorites are the Bud Light, M&M's, Sprint, Mountain Dew and Dorito commercials. This year, Justin Timberlake did the halftime show. If I rated it, it would be a 6 out 10. The Eagles worked hard to win and they did. The Patriots just messed up on some plays. Overall, it was fun to watch. I thought Gronkowski was going to catch the ball at the end, but he didn't. This year, it wasn't the Patriots turn to win. The Super Bowl was the best this year; it was amazing.

by Niko Balaskas, 7th Grade

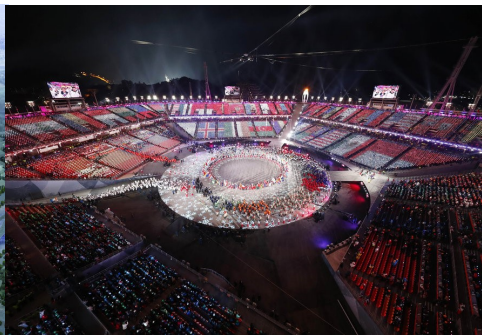


PyeongChang 2018



The Winter Olympics is a time of fun. It's an amazing event. It's an excuse to watch TV. This year's opening ceremony was no short of awesome. All those people in costumes; magnificent. The most popular events are curling, the biathlon, bobsled, figure skating, and short track speed skating. This winter, there were 2,952 athletes from 92 National Olympic Committees. Every athlete in the Olympics has spent most of their life in training for this moment. Some of the highlights include 17 year old Red Gerard winning the first gold medal in men's snowboarding, 17 year old Chloe Kim also winning gold in women's halfpipe snowboarding, and everyone's favorite Shaun White winning gold in men's halfpipe snowboarding. The women's hockey team also won a gold medal for the first time in 20 years. No American woman had ever won an Olympic medal in cross country until Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall won gold. Finally, the men's curling team made everyone take notice of curling when they won gold! In other news, Canada won team skating with the U.S.A. close behind with bronze. The top medal winners were Norway, Germany, and Canada. The US came in fourth with 9 gold medals, 8 silver, and 6 bronze for a total of 23 medals.

by Jeremy Faustin, 7th Grade



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