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Getting to Know...

Mrs. Robinson

by Antonio Llamas, 7th Grade



Mrs. Denise Robinson has been teaching for 26 years. WOW! She has not always taught 2nd grade. She also taught 1st & 4th grades and high school chemistry & Spanish. Mrs. Robinson has been married for 20 years to her husband Paul Robinson. They have one daughter named Leah. Don't think all she does is teach. She has hobbies, you know; like gardening, reading books, and going to the movies. Grove City.....that's the college she went to in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Robinson loves teaching kids. She especially loves the kids. She loves...LOVES to see them learn new things and loves teaching about God. By the way, did I mention that she has a dog and three cats? That's really cool. I wish I could have a ca t.



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

It is hard to believe but we are already into the second semester and working on programs and registration for next year. On Wednesday, February 7th, we will be having our New Families Open House from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. This open house is for families looking at Christian Hills School for the spiritual needs and academics for their children. As current parents, spreading the word and inviting your friends and family members to come for a tour can help build up our school. This is a benefit for you too as we will give you a discount on your 2019-2020 tuition when someone you refer joins the Christian Hills School family. We will be opening registration for next year on Monday, February 12th.

Secondly, I am excited to tell you about two program changes coming to our technology classes for our junior high students. If you have a current high school student, you are aware that most high schools are providing their students with a Chromebook or electronic device for all their classes and instruction. This fall, we will begin charging a one time advanced technology fee. The purpose of this fee will be to provide all of our students in grades 6 through 8 with a Chromebook. This device will be theirs to use in all of their classes as we increase the level of technology use. At graduation, students will be allowed to keep their Chromebooks.

With the increased use of technology comes responsibility. As part of their technology classes next year, Mrs. Berglund will be teaching our students about Digital Citizenship. We are constantly looking at ways to prepare all of our students for success in high school regardless of which school they attend.

Spiritual Emphasis week is when the whole school has chapel. The 5th-8th grades went to the activities room for chapel. This entire month is about prayer, so that's what the pastors were focusing on. On Tuesday, Pastor Mike spoke to the junior high. He spoke about prayer with God and we played a game with dice, and Meher Swamy, Aylissa Powell, Ally Gillies and I won the game. We learned how to communicate and build a relationship with God. On Wednesday, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. McCartney spoke. They talked about how to pray. They said the P stood for praise, the R stood for revelation, the A stood for absolution, and the Y stood for yearning. On Thursday, Pastor Tiffany spoke. She spoke about praying for yourself and listening to God after praying so you know when and how he's going to help you. On Friday, we all prayed in different stations for people in this school, for the world, and for ourselves. The little kids did similar things in their chapel. I want to thank all of the pastors for preaching to us and teaching us, and doing a wonderful job.

by Adrienne Brown, 7th Grade



This year's in-school spelling bee was a good competition. It was so good, some of the grades needed to go to the next grade level words! But in the end, there could only be one winner and one second place winner. Here is the list of them.

- 1st grade: first place: Anastasia Maravillas; second place: Elynn Turner
 - 2nd grade: first place: Temi Odukoya; second place: Amayah Muzeau
 - 3rd grade: first place: Solomon Mitchell; second place: Ahzjah Knight
 - 4th grade: first place: Elias Ricks; second place: Joseph Borkowsky
 - 5th grade: first place: Alyssa Espano; second place: Anthony Espano
 - 6th grade: first place: Karalyn White; second place: Michael Dunn
 - 7th grade: first place: Ethan Blohm; second place: Allison Gillies
 - 8th grade: first place: Meher Swamy; second place: Louis Longfellow
- Be sure to check our next issue for the results of the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee!

by Jackson Bergeron, 7th Grade

CHS Boys Basketball

by Kristian Larimer, 8th Grade

The boys basketball season is nearly over! The JV ended up winning two games for the whole season, and the Varsity boys did not win one, but they played their hardest every game against those bigger. We had a pep assembly for the boys, and it went very well. In the Illinois Christian Conference basketball tournament, the varsity got last place, but made a very good effort in the second game and lost a very close one. The junior varsity ended up getting 5th place. Two players were chosen to be All-Tournament: #1 Todd Vinson for Elementary team and #23 Kristian Larimer for Junior High team. Good job, boys, on a great season and get them next year! Make sure you cheer them on next year!



CHS Students on Tour

The week of December 18th, our school visited several nursing homes to sing Christmas carols and songs from our Christmas Program. First, the second and sixth grades went to Brookdale Senior Living on Monday. Then, the fourth and seventh grades went to Brementowne Manor on Tuesday. Next, the first and third grades went to Alden Estates on Wednesday. Finally, the Kindergarten, fifth and eighth grades went to Autumn Leaves on Thursday. I was told all the students had fun and all of the elderly were very happy to see all of us. They were very grateful to see and hear all of us sing. We also brought cards. They loved them too! Thank you to Pastor Tiffany for putting this great event together!

by Ben Gomez, 7th Grade



Jr. High Coloring Contest



Did you hear about the Jr. High coloring contest? It was super fun to partake in. There were three winners! 1st place was Myah Weeks, 2nd place was Karalyn White, and 3rd place was yours truly. If you got first place, you would get something from the prize box in Mrs. White's room. The picture we were coloring was Minecraft Steve. You had to make him look as Christmasy as possible. It was great to color the picture, to turn it in, and have fun.
by Ethan Blohm, 7th Grade

AG IN THE CLASSROOM

by Phillip White, 8th Grade

AG in the classroom was our classroom learning how to use a worm composting bin. Mrs. DeVries, the third grade teacher's mom came and talked to the class about how it works. She showed us her composting bin that had bedrock soil at the bottom and had different foods for good composting. After her talk, she gave us a craft with papers talking about the composting process. We learned about the humus, topsoil, subsoil, and bedrock. We also learned that different layers of soil have different material. In conclusion, this was a very interesting experiment. Thank you to Mrs. DeVries for teaching us all about worm composting.



U-Turn Movement Lock-In

by Louis Longfellow, 8th Grade

The lock-in was a great time. We went to sky zone and ate pizza right after it. We then went back to the church and played dodgeball, sardines, and hunter. We played hunter for three hours and people had really good hiding spots. Some survived through the whole night and some slept. We watched a movie until 5:30, then we ate breakfast. There were pancakes, orange juice, and milk. We then went home and tried to adjust from the lock-in.

U-TURN MOVEMENT YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

DRAW THE LINE

At the CHC Youth Retreat, we got to come closer to God. We also had some fun activities; but mainly, we were there to get closer to God. This year, we went to a cabin in Michigan. While there, we went sledding, and we even went tubing down a really steep hill, but it was totally safe. The food there was decent. It wasn't the best; I'm just glad we didn't starve. The worship services were long and really good. The drive there was four hours long, and same back. At the last service, we got little notebooks to keep a journal of our own things with God privately. By that last service, everyone was just pouring out to God. We all felt changed after the event. I'm sure that next year's will be better.

by Camryn Disser, 7th Grade



by Aylissa Powell, 8th Grade

Martin King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. Martin was a social activist and a Baptist minister "who played a key role in the American Civil Rights movement" from the 1950s till his assassination in 1968. He "sought equality and human rights for African Americans." He also participated in events such as The Montgomery Bus Boycott in March 1963 in Washington. Martin also won awards such as the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered each year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day; a U.S. federal holiday since 1986. The night of January 27, 1956 he was just 27 years old and he received a threatening phone call that would change his life forever. He is also famous for peaceful protests and the "I have a Dream" speech.



Winter's Song

Snow, oh snow, I hear your song,
I hear you as you drift along.
I see you, snow; so soft and sleek,
I feel you, snow; cold and bleak.
Lacy flakes, each one unique,
Landing softly on my cheek.
Whispers of white and highlights of blue,
Flashes of gray and rainbow hues,
of sleds and toboggans and children galore.
Never saw anything like it before.
All bundled and snuggled and shouting with glee,
Running and laughing all with great speed.
See the hills all covered in white,
The flurries drifting so sparkling bright.
Hear the sleet so hard and cold.
Dashing the windows and houses so old.
Feel the breeze and the nip in the air,
the ice hangs down and touches your hair.
Smell the air so crisp and fresh,
Still you wish that summer came next.
Snow, oh snow, I hear your song,
Quiet, silent, what could go wrong?
An Original Poem by Allison Gillies, 7th Grade

Going Home



A Continuing Story by Gabe Conway, 8th Grade

"Alright! Now, get ready to jump!" Trip shouted as the plane was beginning to get near the town. "How?" Brutus asked as he was the one piloting the plane. "Well, this thing has an autopilot, right?!" Trip shouted back. Brutus began to look at the buttons when Trip shouts, "Now, or never!" and begins to open the hatch at the back of the plane. In the moment of panic, Brutus unbuckles himself and starts to run towards the hatch when the plane jerks to the side and starts to fall! "What happened to the autopilot!?" Trip shouts as they both fall out of the plane. They both free fall desperately trying to control themselves, when Brutus signals to Trip to pull his parachute. They both do so, and find themselves landing in the town! "Could we get some help?" Trip asks as they are both hanging from a tree.



YEEZY BOOST 350 V2 BELUGA 2.0



Yeezy has had many different shoes but they are definitely most known for the Yeezy Boost v2 line. This line of shoes from Yeezy gained a lot of attention. as it gained more attention, the more the price skyrocketed. But we aren't talking about the whole line of shoes. we are talking about Yeezy's newest and cheapest; and definitely the coolest of them all: the Beluga 2.0. The original Yeezy Beluga colorway was a grey zebra background with the letters SPLY 350 on the side of the shoe with an orange stripe. Now the shoe is all grey with the words SPLY 350 on the side with no stripe. Now for Yeezy's, the price is usually between \$500-\$1500. But this shoe is actually priced from \$150-\$300, which is a really great price for Yeezy. Ok, that's it for this shoe review. More Yeezys in the future???

by Micaiah Klimek, 7th Grade



wonder

Wonder is a great book and movie. Personally, I liked the book more than the movie. Both the book and movie is about a kid named August Pullman or "Auggie". Auggie is a kid about 10 years old and is normal aside from one thing, his face. He was born with a large deformity in his face. It is so rare, the book says that there is no name for it. Auggie only has a few friends at first and was really dreading going to school. The bully, Julian wasn't exactly helping. Auggie is actually very smart and a HUGE Star Wars fan. His favorite holiday is Halloween; not just because of all the candy, but because it is one of the only days he is treated normally. Overall, I liked the movie and would give it 4 stars out of 5 stars. This movie is rated PG.



by Eli Weeks, 7th Grade



by Meher Swamy, 8th Grade
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle was an action-packed thriller that is full of humor. The movie is based off of the original *Jumanji* book. A prominent difference between the two movies is that in the original, the game came into the real world; but in this one, the characters go into the game's world. This movie stars Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Karen Gillan, and Nick Jonas. It is rated PG-13 and some scenes may be inappropriate for younger viewers. Nonetheless, this movie is a definite must see!



Movie Reviews



Have you ever been to the circus? Then you would really enjoy watching the movie, *The Greatest Showman*. This movie is rated PG and displays the determination of a young man named Barnum, and how his imagination helps him as he tries to become a success. His creativity and unusual flair help him discover people that are unlike the norm. He gives them a place to belong; and the beginnings of the circus is born! There are plenty of people that are opposed to the idea of a circus and try to stop Mr. Barnum from succeeding. His wife's own family thinks that he will fail. Mr. Barnum has many obstacles to overcome.

Some of the characters do end up drinking. This movie is filled with song, dance, and plenty of action to keep the audience waiting to see what comes next! You won't want to miss watching this show on the big screen!

by Jeremy Faustin, 7th Grade



Do you like sci-fi movies? If so, make sure you check out *Star Wars, The Last Jedi* which is rated PG-13. This movie is the latest, and the 9th movie of the *Star Wars* series. All of the *Star Wars* movies are based on evil vs good, and this one is too. The good is considered the resistance. Some characters in the movies have a special power, called the force. Those that use the force in evil ways are considered to be on the dark side of the force. Those that use the force in good ways are considered a Jedi. In this movie, Kylo Ren has the force and is on the dark side, and Rey who is force sensitive, is on the good side. Rey seeks out Luke Skywalker, who is a Jedi master, so he can teach Rey the ways of the force. At first, Luke refuses to teach Rey, but then realizes he must help or the evil will take over the galaxy. To find out what happens, make sure you see the movie. If you like action-filled movies, you don't want to miss this one.

by Marcello Gamboa, 7th Grade



FERDINAND

This movie is about a little bull that is afraid. But other bulls are not afraid of their destiny. The other bulls are determined to go in the special arena. These bulls are wanted to fight. These young bulls want to do what other bulls dream of. But *Ferdinand* doesn't want to fight against anything or anyone. He's the one bull in the world that doesn't dream what other bulls dream of. As a young bull, and later on as an adult, he wants peace. Ferdinand wants to save other bulls from what happens when they go in the big fancy arena. I believe you and your kids should watch this PG rated movie because it's really entertaining.

by Zed Ruff, 7th Grade

Second Quarter Honor Roll 2018

1st Grade Honor Roll

Alivia Ekanem
McKenzie Brown

High Honor Roll

Noah Hendricks
Jurni Jennings
Matthew Mahalick
Anastasia Maravillas
Manuel Peralto

Elynn Turner

Principal's Scholar Award

Sophia Dewar
Caleb Leary
Joel Mathew
Mason Xavier Mitchell

2nd Grade Honor Roll

Amayah Muzeau

High Honor Roll

Nathan Abiona
Taya Balaskas
David Dunn
Asher George
Joshua Goss
Abbey Kosloskus
Abigail Longfellow
Isaac Nicol
Aesha Patel
Natalie Pavoni
Kaylee Stewart
Ethan Vinson
Kylie Walters

Principal's Scholar Award

Olivia Gillies
Frank Huisman
Temi Odukoya
Gwen Stiles
Kayla Walters

3rd Grade

Honorable Mention

Caitlyne Disser
Joshua Jakes
Summer Kane

High Honor Roll

Juele Jennings
Cole Leary
Solomon Mitchell

Emma Weeks

Principal's Scholar Award

Kendall Blohm
Sydni Hardy
Makayla Harley
Chris Johnson
Gage Kosloskus
Alison Pavoni

4th Grade Honor Roll

Elias Ricks
Tristin Vinson
High Honor Roll
Gianni Balaskas
Kennedy Brooks
Daniela Dodge
Anna Dunn

Charlotte Gauthier
Daniel Johnson

Principal's Scholar Award

Annalyse Bergeron
Joseph Borkowsky

5th Grade Honor Roll

Caden Blohm
Jadyn Gillies
Jacob Leary
Joely MacRitchie

Blake Walters

High Honor Roll

Chelsea Brooks
Dinum Watkins

Principal's Scholar Award

Alyssa Espano
Anthony Espano
Shama Patel

6th Grade Honor Roll

Jacob Conway
High Honor Roll
Michael Dunn
Gabriela Huisman

Grace Wallace
Terrence Ware
Myah Weeks

Principal's Scholar Award

Jazmyn Nelson
Karalyn White

7th Grade Honor Roll

Niko Balaskas
Jackson Bergeron
Adrienne Brown
Jeremy Faustin
Marcello Gamboa

Zedekiah Ruff

Principal's Scholar Award

Allison Gillies

8th Grade Honor Roll

Phillip White
High Honor Roll
Kristian Larimer
Louis Longfellow

Principal's Scholar Award

Gabe Conway
Meher Swamy

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:30-31 -

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