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Getting  
to Know...

## Mrs. Borkowsky



Mrs. Jessica Borkowsky came to America to learn English through an InterExchange program. During this time, she met Mr. Borkowsky and decided to move here twelve years ago. She moved from Ecuador in South America. She enjoys living in America especially because of the cultural diversity and the cuisine. She likes all the family-friendly activities and attractions such as the zoo, Six Flags, and water parks. She and her husband have two children who both attend CHS. Joseph is ten and Juliana is five. She got saved eight years ago when she attended a special event at Christian Hills Church. She felt the fire of the Holy Spirit in her. Since then, her life has changed. She currently attends Christian Hills and sometimes Calvary Church. She is now the Spanish teacher here at Christian Hills School and has worked for a company in the past called Language in Action in different park districts and at some public schools in the South Suburbs. Mrs. Borkowsky enjoys teaching because God gave her the opportunity to share her knowledge with others. Teaching, in her opinion, is one of the greatest career choices. She gets to inspire students not only academically, but personally. She loves this school and the students.

by Zoie Balaskas & Jori Lambert, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving weekend! It is often said to carry thankful hearts all throughout the year, not just on holidays. Psalm

100 expresses our thankfulness and worship which we have also been discussing in our chapels this fall. "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations." - Psalm 100

Thank the Lord that we can express that love and gratefulness every day of our lives. Have a blessed week and holiday season!!!!

In Christ,  
Mrs. Bergstrand

**GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD**  
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

## Tick Tock

Tick Tock goes the clock tick, tick, ticking never missing.

You better go quick, quick, quick, before your clock stops to tick.

Oh how the clock goes for it may seem slow

but as you grow,

the clock will start to go, go, go.

So, remember those who take time in vain, you have everything to lose, but nothing to gain.

For those who admire time inspire others before they expire.

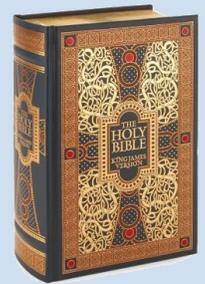
Really, this poem is dire for soon we will all retire.

When all our clocks stop and we tick no more,

who will be with the one who started the clock?

The Lord.

An original poem by Jacob Kemp, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Grandparents Day

We started off Grandparents Day with a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and milk. There were people with different jobs like greeters and ushers. After we had breakfast, everybody went to the Church side and we had worship. There was also a mini concert that Pre-K through sixth grade put on. The best part of that concert was the second grade kids; they sang this song called Toe-Knee Chestnut. After the funny concert, we went to our classrooms to have one-on-one time with our grandparents. Some of the highlights are as follows: The first grade made poems about what they love to do with their grandparents. The second graders played this game called Time Bingo. The third grade made little bears. Fourth grade interviewed their grandparents. Sixth grade played Jeopardy. The seventh and eighth graders played Kahoot!. After that, we tried to create the tallest tower out of toothpicks and candy corn. That was also a lot of fun because we got to make strategies with our grandparents and build. After that happened, we needed to describe our grandparents in one word which made them feel loved. We then played a drawing game and someone would try to guess what we drew. The next person then tried to draw what that person put and it became an entire story. That was the most interactive one because you had to draw and guess. We had a lot of fun at Grandparents Day and got to spend quality time with our grandparents.

by Camryn Disser, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Terrence Ware, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





# Operation Christmas Child

Every year Christian Hills Church and School participate in an event called Operation Christmas Child. What we do is we collect items to put in the shoeboxes to give away as gifts to unfortunate kids for Christmas around the world. This year, we packed 217 shoe boxes filled with gifts. We included things like pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, and art utensils. We also put in things they can play with such as toy cars, balls, and stuffed animals. Then we added clothing such as socks. The students also wrote letters that included their hobbies and where our school is just in case the children can write back to us. The younger students colored Christmas pictures for the kids so that they might enjoy and observe the pictures about Christmas. We give thanks to our fellow students and volunteers; especially Kathy Rowley and Lori Huish from CHC, and the school's administration and teachers for helping to make Operation Christmas Child a success.

by Zed Ruff, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



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## Bottle Caps for Benches

Ben Gomez, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



A few weeks ago we began collecting plastic bottle caps. This bottle cap collecting is for making benches with recycled bottle caps such as water bottles and milk jugs. Our goal is to get enough plastic caps to make two benches for the recess areas. We already have enough for one bench and are on our way to the

second with eighty pounds of caps! This goal is hoped to be met by spring. If there is extra plastic, Mrs. Bergstrand is hoping they could also make tables and chairs for the playground. We will not use anything other than plastic. We will not cut down trees or anything else; just plastic bottle caps. If you need more information, there is a table set up with information outside the school office. That is why we are collecting, so save up!



## Chapel

In chapel, we learned some very important things over the past two months. We learned about who we are in God, worship, and prayer. We did a thing where the older grades were paired up with younger grades and we all went to different prayer stations. The stations were to pray about dream jobs, our leaders in the US, natural disasters, listening prayers, and each other. A lady named Krista Sanserverino also came all the way from Texas to talk to us about worship. She told us that worship is more than just a song, and that God deserves all of our love and praise. The next week, we went through the song *I Want You* by Sarah Reeves, and we learned what each part of the song meant. We heard from Pastor Tiffany, Mrs. Bergstrand, Pastor Brennan, and Pastor Donald. The experience was very moving. We learned a lot about what worship really is. It's about letting go, surrendering to God, and giving him your all. Worship is one of the most important ways to talk to God. Everyone needs to incorporate worship into their everyday life.

Gabriela Huisman and Jazmyn Nelson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

This year's Christmas program is a take on the classic *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens with Ebenezer Scrooge. Our version is pretty much about a school teacher with Christmas problems. Some of the songs included are *The Bah Humbug*, *Noel*, *O Children Come*, *Christmas in Snowflake County*, *Wise Like the Wise Men*, *Disco Gloria*, and *Hallelujah*. The actors for this production are Gage Kosloskus, Shama Patel, Jadyn Gillies, Daniela Dodge, Annie Bergeron, Joshua Jakes, Chris Johnson, Karalyn White, Jacob Leary, Allison Pavoni, Jazmyn Nelson, Poppy Mahalick, and Makayla Harley. The actors, singers, everyone involved, and Pastor

by Jackson Bergeron, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tiffany are all working very hard on this Christmas program and we know they will do a great job, so be sure to attend! This amazing production will take place December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased through the school website at [www.chschool.net](http://www.chschool.net). This is a must see CHS production!





This year, Mrs. Pavoni and the seventh and eighth grade classes hosted a Math Fest in the gym. This fest was a way to have the school come together to show how fun math is. We had the Math Fest as an assembly for Kindergarten through sixth to help them with their math. There were ten tables with different math problems which the teachers made. The day before the fest we got to decorate prize bags for the younger kids. The eighth grade helped set up the tables. We had two people stand at each table handing the kids a problem, and if they got it right, they got a piece of candy as a prize. Each table had prizes that were candy, pencils, an eraser or stickers. Each student had a punch card and would punch their card when they went to a table. The first group that went around the tables were Kindergarten through third grade. After they were done, the fourth through sixth graders went around with harder questions. When the older kids left, the preschoolers came down. The teachers gave us easier problems for the little kids. An older student walked around with the preschoolers to each table to help them.



# BOYS BASKETBALL

by Niko Balaskas, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Every year in the winter our basketball season begins. Our coaches this year are Coach Mike Goss and Coach Doug Pavoni. The JV team is 1 win and 3 losses and the varsity is 2 wins and 2 losses. We had six practices before our first game and they really paid off. Our first game was November 12 Away at HSRC. Varsity won 40 to 13 and junior varsity lost 14 to 12 in overtime. Our second game was on November 15<sup>th</sup> Away at KTA. Our third game was November 19 at Home against Grace. We won with a score of 40 to 30! Our fourth game was November 20 Away at Deer Creek. The rest of our games are: Tuesday, November 27 at 4:15 to 5:15 Away at TCS; Monday, December 3 at 4:30 to 5:30 Home vs KTA; Tuesday, December 4 at 4:30 to 5:30 Home vs FOFCA; Friday, December 7 at 4:30 to 5:30 Away at Grace; Monday, December 10 at 4:15 to 5:15 Home vs HSRC; Tuesday, December 11 at 4:15 to 5:15 Home vs TCS; Monday, December 17 at 4:30 to 5:30 Away vs FOFCA; and Thursday, January 10 Home vs Deer Creek. Our ICC Tournament is at FOFCA, January 17-19.

All of our JV players are: in fourth grade, Josh Goss, Cole Leary, Gage Kosloskus, and Nathan Majchrzak. Fifth grade has Gianni Balaskas, Tristin Vinson, and Brian Peck. Then in sixth grade we have Caden Blohm, Jacob Leary, and Blake Walters.

Our Varsity players are; sixth graders, Caden Blohm, Jacob Leary, and Blake Walters; seventh graders, Todd Vinson and Terrence Ware; and eighth graders, Niko Balaskas, Jackson Bergeron, Ethan Blohm, Cam Disser, Jeremy Faustin, Zed Ruff, and Eli Weeks.

by Adrienne Brown, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



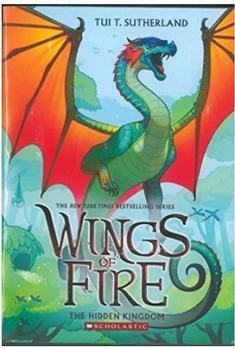
On October 23<sup>rd</sup> the second and third graders went to the Little Red Schoolhouse. They saw a lot of cool and pretty things, really enjoyed themselves, and had fun. While they were there, they saw a lot of animals. They saw snakes, fish, turtles, an alligator, snapping turtles, crows, and a red-tailed hawk. They got to hold a water turtle and a box turtle; they said they were cute and cool! They also saw a lot of bugs and learned about different ones like the tarantula. The students learned about poison ivy and other plants. There was also a big chair they sat on and took a lot of pictures. While they were outside, they saw coyote poop; GROSS! When they were walking through the trees, they looked through binoculars and saw a red-tailed hawk. They saw a cool log with mushrooms and other fungi on it. They learned a lot about nature and there was a really pretty view. They learned about different territories; there was the prairie, woodlands, and the slough. Then they went in the schoolhouse and they said it was really cool! They loved their field trip and had a lot of fun. They said they want to go back.



by Eli Weeks, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Every so often the school has fundraisers to earn money for different purposes, but the purpose I am covering is the eighth grade graduation trip. If you didn't know, last year the eighth grade class took their first trip to Washington, DC. The CHS eighth grade class of 2019 will be making the second annual trip! This trip can get very expensive, so Mrs. Pavoni sets up different fundraisers to help earn money. We have various different fundraisers at restaurants and selling things. One very, very successful fundraiser last year that we will repeat this year is the Penny Wars. Penny Wars is when each class has a contest to gather money, and the prize is a pizza party. This year we will be doing Penny Wars again, so everyone can look forward to that! Remember to attend and participate all of the fundraisers to help support the CHS graduating class of 2019!





The *Hidden Kingdom* is the third book in the *Wings Of Fire* series by Tui T. Sutherland. The star of this book is Glory, the fierce and sarcastically sweet Rainwing, who recently found out about her secret weapon; her venom. After arguing for a bit after their adventure in the Sea Kingdom, the dragonets finally decided on going to the Rain Kingdom in the Rainforest. (Not to mention that it was the closest kingdom besides the Sky Kingdom, which they agreed to NEVER go there again.) There had been rumors of a rainforest killer coming to take and kill dragons who were careless enough to wander into the rainforest at night. The rumors said that you could hear the screams of dying dragons from the outskirts of the rainforest. These screams, however, turned out to be genetically altered by Nightwings to sound like screaming dragons. As the dragonets entered the rainforest, they were shot with sleep darts by none other than hidden Rainwings. Glory looked around in confusion, searching for the reason her friends were falling asleep right in front of her. Slowly, several faces appeared as if out of thin air, then slim but well-fed bodies, then long, prehensile tails. These dragons were none other than Rainwings. The Rainwings explain how they use sleep darts on strangers and guests to make the trip to the village easier. The village is small but sturdy, with leafy platforms and hammocks for sleeping. This mysterious killer turns out to be a messed-up Nightwing who is kidnapping innocent Rainwings. Glory finds out and goes to the Night Kingdom herself. She and a young dragonet (Kinkajou) escape the horrid Night Kingdom, planning to come back for the rest of the poor Rainwings. Glory challenges the current Rainwing

queen for the throne because nothing is getting done to acquire the missing Rainwings. She wins and takes care of the Rainwings as a fair and just queen with the help of a handsome and loyal Nightwing, Deathbringer. I give this 5 out of 5 stars because it has everything that you should get out of a good book. This includes a problem that needs solving, a good plot, adventure, and quite a lot more!

Book by Tui T. Sutherland

Review and Summary by Myah Weeks, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Book & Movie Reviews

## FIRST MAN

The *First Man* movie is about Neil Armstrong being the first man ever to walk on the moon. It took place in 1969. He, his wife, and three kids lived in Ohio. The actor who portrays Neil Armstrong in the movie is Ryan Gosling. It is a good history movie. The movie is 141 minutes long and it is rated PG-13. I don't suggest kids under 13 to see this movie. There is some brief strong language. Neil Armstrong passed away on August 25, 2012. After all, the movie was really good because it talks a lot about the history of the space race.

by Todd Vinson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS

The movie, *The Nutcracker and The Four Realms*, is a PG-rated Christmas movie. It was released in theaters on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and a lot of people seemed to like it. It is not the Nutcracker tale we've all heard of. A basic summary of the movie is: A girl named Clara goes to her uncle's Christmas ball. She follows a string to her gift, but it leads her to a magical dimension. She meets a soldier named Philip and the regents who preside over three realms. Clara and Philip must enter a fourth realm and retrieve the stolen key to restore harmony to the land. But all is not as it seems. Clara's mom was the queen of the land, but she had to leave, and some were hurt more than others because of it. To stop the true evil, Clara must realize that she does not need a special power to defeat them. All she needs is herself. I give this movie a seven out of ten because I feel that some parts were rushed, but the graphics and design were amazing. I recommend this movie because it is great.

by Jeremy Faustin, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

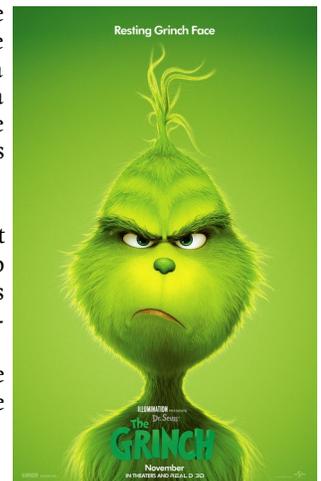
## The Dr. Seuss' GRINCH

*The Grinch* movie is about a made-up animal along with his pet dog, Max, that live in a cave on Mount Crumpit above the town of Whoville. His mission is to destroy Christmas. To complete his plan, he dresses up as Santa Claus, goes down to the town and steals all of the presents from all of the houses of Whoville. So he's basically being the animal version of Scrooge.

I would recommend this movie to kids and families who love and celebrate Christmas together every year. I would not recommend this movie to people

who are Scrooges and try to mess up Christmas for kids. This is a 4 star movie and it's rated PG-13, so it's also kid friendly.

by Tru Butler, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

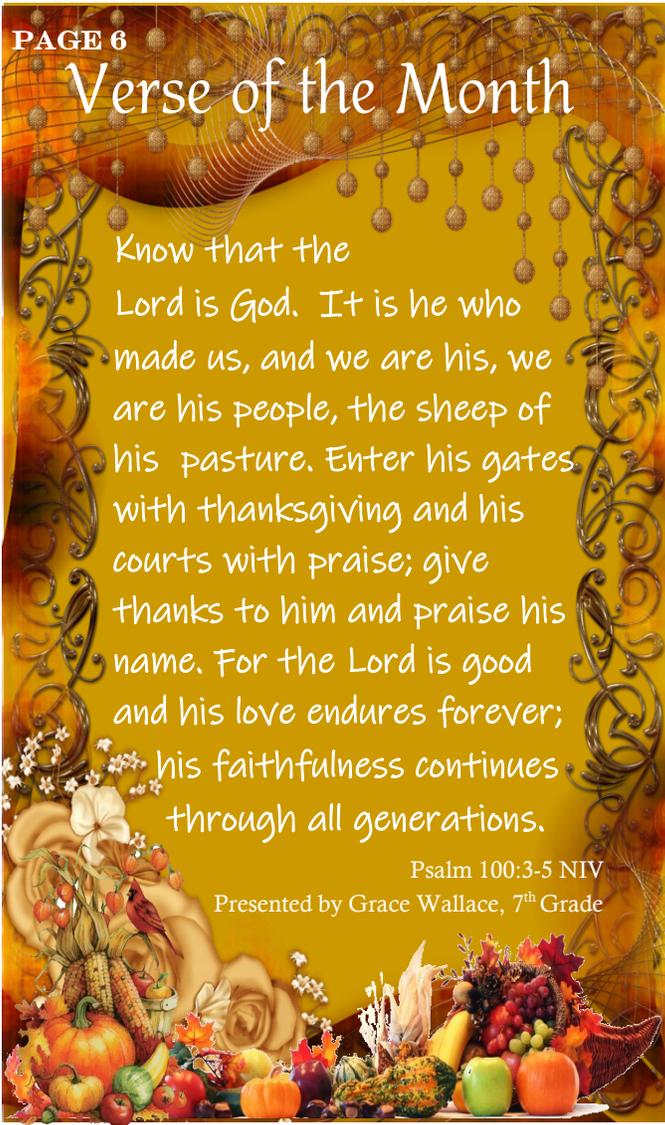


## Verse of the Month

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:3-5 NIV

Presented by Grace Wallace, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

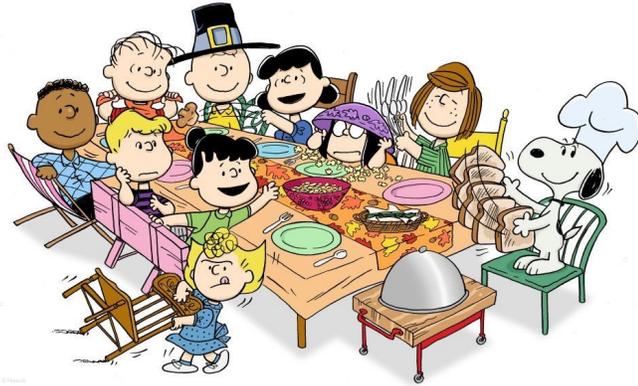


# THANKSGIVING FOODS!!!

by Allison Gillies, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Karalyn White, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we are all excited for the family, fellowship, and definitely, the food. For this edition of the newspaper, we have decided to go around to the classrooms and take a poll of the students' favorite Thanksgiving foods. The options were turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, vegetables; specifically green beans and corn, and stuffing. Let's start at the beginning. K3 pulled in with two votes for mashed potatoes, three votes for pumpkin pie, two votes for vegetables, and three votes for stuffing. Next, we have K4, and based on their votes, turkey was the absolute favorite. Kindergarten also had turkey as their favorite, with pumpkin pie coming as a close second. Mrs. Mollo revealed to us that stuffing was her favorite. In fact, a lot of teachers said that stuffing is their favorite, but we think that's weird because stuffing is the most disgusting Thanksgiving food ever invented; just saying. First grade had pumpkin pie as their favorite. So did second, fourth, fifth, and eighth grades. There were also a lot of ties. Fourth tied for stuffing and turkey. K3 tied for pumpkin pie and stuffing. Second tied for turkey and stuffing, and seventh tied for turkey and vegetables. Mashed potatoes were the favorite for sixth and seventh. Mashed potatoes were also the crowd pleaser for third grade. Personally, I love pumpkin pie, but I also love mashed potatoes with lots of gravy. Karalyn's favorite is turkey. While the food is good, we still should remember that Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family and friends and give thanks for everything we have.

Hopefully, we can take this poll again next year; it was a big success! What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



## The Adventures of People

they end up getting bullied until Leo speaks up, and the bullying stopped. Then they finally make it to the school. Right when they get there, they meet a couple of new friends already. Their names are Ethan, Jeremy, and WoF Fan-Fiction Club (Wings of Fire Fan-Fiction Club). The new friends are going to give a tour of the school. As the friends pass the classroom, they notice something weird. All of the kids aren't there. When Leo asked Jeremy where they all are, he said that they were eating. But Leo knew it was more than that. As the friends see the rest of the school, they come across the final room, the gym. The gym was bustling with kids. "So that is where they all went. To eat in the gym." Leo said. "Yeah, it is Thanksgiving lunch day." Ethan responded. "Wow!" said Piper. "The food smells amazing!"

A Continuing Story by Ethan Blohm, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

As the students travel to the new school, many things happen. The parents of the kids want to separate them, but the kids won't let them. Once they convince their parents that they can be trusted together,

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