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Getting to Know... Mrs. Yff

Mrs. Yff is our new third grade teacher. She has had twenty years of experience being a teacher. She has taught preschool, second, third, and even seventh grade. Lockport's seventh grade is where she taught before Christian Hills. One reason she really likes teaching is all the different personalities of the students. In her family, she has two sons David, 23 and Brad, 21. She is married and her husband's name is Dave. Her salvation was influenced by her grandfather. He was her Sunday school teacher at her church. She currently attends Parkview Christian Church in Orland Park, Illinois. She also leads a small youth group in Mokena where she teaches middle school and high school teens.

by Jori Lambert & Zoie Balaskas, 7th Grade

Boys Soccer

by Cello Gamboa & Niko Balaskas, 8th Grade

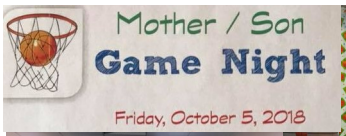
This year is the first time we have had a soccer team since 2008. In the season, we played eight games, lost one, and tied one. We played every team in the conference twice, and faced Southside Baptist twice. Every game we played would count on the brackets for the tournament. We also had a parents verses players, to honor the 8th graders, and the parents won! We played each team; one game home and one away. We won our first game against Trinity, 6 to 3. Then our second game we faced Grace and won 6 to 5. Our third game obliterated Southside Baptist 8 to 0. Our fourth game we faced Grace again and beat them 9 to 0. We faced Trinity and tied but lost our only game in a shootout. After Trinity, we faced Homeschool for the first time and won 8 to 2. We faced Southside Baptist; won that game, and faced Homeschool, and tied.

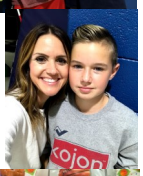
We had a tournament on Saturday, October 20, at Trinity Christian School. We played against Grace for the first game and beat them 6-0. So we automatically went to the finals to play Trinity. Trinity beat Homeschool 6-2, so they went to the finals and they played us. For third place, Grace played Homeschool and Grace won 4-1. Then we played Trinity, and the game went on forever. We had to go inside twice because of the hail, snow, and wind! It was a rough game and a lot of people got hurt. But in the end, we got first place! Trinity got 2nd, Homeschool got 3rd, and Grace got 4th. After we won the tournament we got Buffalo Wild Wings!

Girls Volleyball

The girls volleyball season was great! Both elementary and junior high won their game against FOFCA on October 15th. Their last regular game was on October 16th against Deer Creek. At this game, they honored our one and only 8th grader on the team, Allison Gillies. Elementary was fighting for 2nd place in the ICC tournament on October 18th and 20th. Junior high was fighting for 3rd place depending on if they won against Deer Creek, and they did. The junior high girls ended up winning against Deer Creek. The elementary team started off strong on Thursday, which led them to a third place win on Saturday. The junior high team won against Deer Creek on Friday. Although they lost the next two games, they were amazing nail-biting games to the end. They played the best they ever played. The junior high girls did end up getting 4th place, but they fought a good fight. Sadly, the volleyball season is over. Great job, girls! Can't wait for next year.

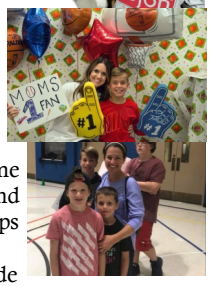
by Jazmyn Nelson & Gabriela Huisman, 7th Grade





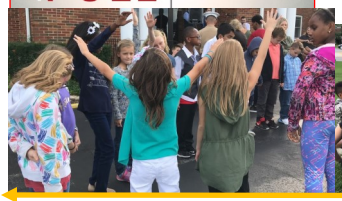
We played a lot of games at Mother/Son Night. It was really fun. We shot free throws! If you are good at basketball, that game would be easy for you. There was a catching game and most of the moms rated that game the best. They said that game takes the most hand-and-eye coordination. If you have good hand-and-eye coordination, then you are most likely good at the game. There was a ping pong game which was also really fun. That game also took a lot of hand-and-eye coordination. A lot of the games took hand-and-eye coordination. There were pictures that we took with our moms in the middle of it. They took silly pictures with big glasses, fake moustaches, and really big hats. It was a really good time. It was also good because we spent good quality time with our mothers. The prizes were two giant tubs of candy which were Mike and Ike candy in one tube or sour candies in the other. There was also a twenty dollar visa gift card as a first place prize. First, second, and third place people got a soccer ball, a football, or a basketball. For the final game, we played dodgeball. The parents were playing against the kids. The dads were hosting the whole event and they were being funny the whole time. There were different sections for the different games. We also had a break time where we had snacks and drinks. There was Gatorade and water for the drinks and we had brownies, cookies, and chips for snacks.

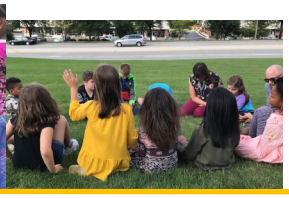
by Camryn Disser, 8th Grade & TJ Vinson, 7th Grade

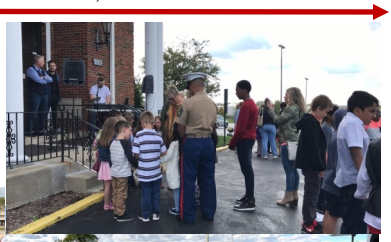


On Wednesday, September 26, 2018, everyone at school attended See You at the Pole. Each 8th grader led a different class in prayer. They also prayed for President Trump, the leaders of our country, our state, the City of Chicago, everyone at the school, and more. Pastors Mike, Tiffany, Brennan, and more were all there to pray. In all, See You at the Pole was a holy gathering of worshipers to pray for the school and the world.

by Jacob Kemp, 7th Grade







This year's Trunk or Treat was another success! There was tons of candy and fun activities. Everybody had a good time. The little kids had a bouncy house and a fun obstacle course. There was a craft table, face painting, and hair dying. I helped spray paint people's hair that wanted it done. There was a bouncy house that all the kids fell in love with and a bunch of candy which gave them extra energy! The obstacle course was really cool and all the kids did great on it. I had a really great time. I got a chance to hang out with my friends, and since it was a public thing, I met a lot of new people. Everyone wore really cool, creative, fun costumes. I am so happy I made it to Trunk or Treat for my last year here at CHS and I had a really fun time. Everybody had an awesome time and got a lot of candy! Even though I'm not going to be here next year, if it's anything like this year, it will be amazing! I want to thank Pastor Tiffany and all of the people who helped put together such a great event!

by Adrienne Brown, 8th Grade

The K3 & K4 students visited Camp Manitoqua on October 4th for their first field trip this year! On the trip, they had lots of fun. They got to go on an adventure of long trails in the wilderness. Four puppet animals (including real skulls and pelts) were featured in the wilderness hike: foxes, squirrels, coyotes, and raccoons. They also painted pumpkins, did a leaf craft, and a rubbing leaf craft. The leaf craft was a headband. The pumpkins were painted and decorated with fall decor. There was also a life-sized Candyland complete with real candy prizes! They took a wagon ride to the nature trail for the wilderness hike. There was a fun playground to play in and they all had a picnic lunch. The preschoolers also enjoyed a fun story by the campfire with hot chocolate. They really had lots of fun!

by Jackson Bergeron, 8th Grade

Our first grade recently went on a field trip to the Konow's Corn Maze. They were there from 9 to 3. The kids participated in pretty much everything there, except that they didn't ride the bull! They did go through the corn maze, the hay bail play place, the jumpy pillow, the petting zoo, etc. According to Mrs. McCartney, nobody got bit by the animals, nobody got lost in the corn maze, and it didn't rain, so… all in all, they really did have a lot of fun!

by Zed Ruff, 8th Grade

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders just went to the Morton Arboretum. The students were told to find huge trolls. The Morton Arboretum has six trolls scattered across their land. We found four. The first troll was next to a lake in a corner. The second troll was next to the highway on a tall hill. The third troll was in the forest. The fourth troll was found by the entrance of the arboretum. Then we took the rest of our day playing in mazes and parks. We were able to eat lunch outside at a table. I would recommend that you should bring your family here for a great day of adventures and fun activities!

by Jeremy Faustin, 8th Grade

Even though it's only October, Christmas is right around the corner, which means "Operation Christmas Child". Operation Christmas Child is an organization that is dedicated to getting Christmas presents to unfortunate souls who don't have the luxury of living in comfort all around the world. So start bringing in supplies for us to pack. You can bring things like: small toys, clothes, accessories, flashlights with batteries, non-liquid hygiene products, and school supplies. Do not bring food, used items, war-related items, liquids or lotions, medication, breakable items like glass, and aerosol cans. Just go to https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child for a complete list of items. November 5th is the day we are packing and wrapping. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to bless a small child and make them happy for a little while.

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Wonderful Things

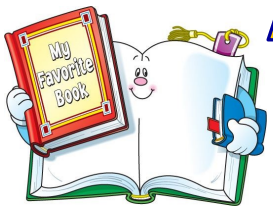
An Original Poem by
Allison Gillies, 8th Grade

What happens in fall is a wonderful thing.
The leaves all change color,
And the school bells ring.
People carve pumpkins for Halloween night;
The weather gets cold and the birds all take flight.
Kids come around all dressed up;
Looking for candy like peanut butter cups.
Family gathers together to give thanks and be glad.
With a big celebration, who could be mad?
Pumpkin spice and cinnamon too;
Apples and acorns and loads of good food.
So join in the spirit, be happy and bright,
And join in the fun of fall's joyful light.

The Adventures of People

A Continuing Story by
Ethan Blohm, 8th Grade

So you got to know the friends, good. Now let us continue the story. Oh right, fire. Ok, so there was a fire brewing in the kitchen and nobody knew about it at all. That is bad. The fire continued to grow when suddenly the fire alarm went off! "Everybody line up in a calm and orderly fashion, and let's start walking outside," the teacher said. Once everybody ended up outside, the teacher called the names of the kids in her class. Everyone was there, good. Now this is how the adventure starts. Leo ran back inside, grabbed a fire extinguisher, and put out the fire! YAAAAAAY!!!! The school is saved! But while the repairs are going on, the five friends have to go to a new school for awhile; Christian Hills School. Soon the five friends are going to meet many new friends. WOO HOO!!!!



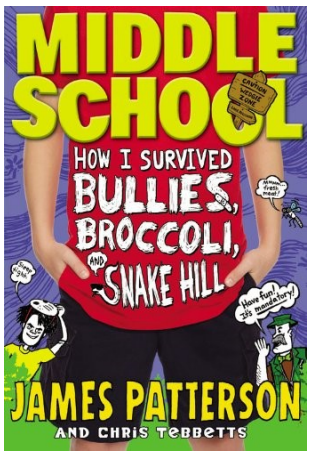
Book Reviews

Wings of Fire - The Lost Heir is the second book in the Wings Of Fire series written by Tui T.Sutherland. There are the same five dragonets, except in this book the star is Tsunami, the feisty Seawing. Tsunami says in book one that she would love to be the princess in a scroll written by the Seawing queen called The Missing Princess. Now, free from the Skywing queen's deadly talons, they are free to fulfill their destiny and meet some new friends along the way. They travel to the mud kingdom, where they continue to The Bay of A Thousand Scales, the group of islands that the Seawing's kingdom is located. Tsunami is very excited to meet her own tribe. She dives into the warm ocean water to find a way to the Sea Kingdom where we meet Riptide. Riptide is a guard of the Sea Kingdom. When Tsunami and Riptide meet, Riptide flashes his fluorescent scales at Tsunami asking why she was out this far away from the kingdom. Tsunami, who has never learned the underwater language, Aquatic, flashes back. Riptide goes to the surface to greet Tsunami in a hug. Taking it the wrong way, Tsunami slashes his snout, thinking that he was attacking. Confused, Riptide explains what she said in aquatic; "You said 'Hey Handsome-snout! I wish your snout was a fish so that I could eat it!'" Guards await at the door and ask for her identity. She shows them the pattern of the glow-scales under her wings, asking what they meant. The guards look at her with surprised faces, and let her in immediately. The queen takes one look at Tsunami and wraps her wings around her saying; "My baby! I found my baby!" The queen announces that they are to have a feast at once. The queen explains that all of the female eggs that she has had have been smashed by something, killing them, and that Tsunami and her sister, Anemone, are the only ones left. Tsunami takes it upon herself to save the last female egg. She stays in the royal hatchery for many days until she finds out what is killing the eggs - a statue. She remembers her mother telling her about one of her last daughters that challenged her for the throne too early; Orca. She was an animus that enchanted the statue to kill the royal females. I give this book 4 ½ out of 5. This book is a great way to continue the series.

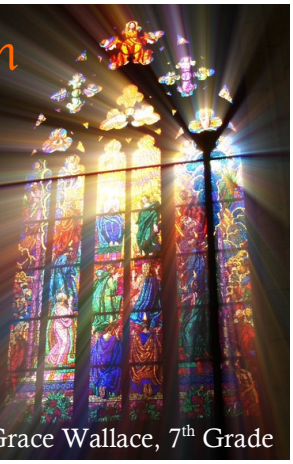
by Myah Weeks, 7th Grade

The book, *Middle School: How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill*, was good. It was about a boy getting bullied named Rafe. He was getting bullied but he helped his friend that was also getting bullied. The bully threw his books into the water because he knew they were library books. He got the books and dried them all out. He was friends with the bully's sister. The sister told him his embarrassing nickname. He then blackmailed the bully. The bully also got caught smoking cigarettes so they had double the blackmail! The bully wasn't mean anymore because he was getting blackmailed. I really like this book. I give it 5 out of 5 stars.

by Terrence Ware, 7th Grade



Bible Verse of the Month



And also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.
Ephesians 6:19-20 ESV

Presented by Grace Wallace, 7th Grade

Jordan Feliz recently released a new single called *Witness*. *Witness* was preceding his new album, Future, which was released in March. Only a few days after he released *Witness*, it earned multiple awards and was put on 112,000 Spotify streams. This song was written by Jordan Feliz, and co-writers Paul Duncan and Colby Wedgeworth. They also collaborated on Jordan's previous hit *The River*. Jordan Feliz sends out a message of hope and love. He says his song is about finding the everyday miracles in our lives, coming together as a family and as a church, and putting God on his rightful throne. We have to share that news, we have to be a witness. I personally love this song, and would recommend any of his music to anyone. His music always inspires me to be a better person.

by Karalyn White, 7th Grade

♪ Music & Movie Reviews

by Eli Weeks, 8th Grade

The new movie, *Christopher Robin* is about a man and his childhood toys. The toys are iconic characters, such as Winnie the Pooh, Tigger and Eeyore. This movie will bring lots of nostalgia to the people who grew up with the Winnie the Pooh group. This movie is rated PG and received four out of five stars. The premise of this movie is about the grown man finding his old childhood toys. The first toy he finds is the lovable Winnie the Pooh. After that, they search for Tigger, Eeyore, and Owl. A little later in the movie they find Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga, and Roo. Once reunited, the gang try and help Christopher regain the joy of life. Once they are all reunited, they end up doing some funny things, all while trying to complete their task. So once again, this is a loveable movie that will most likely be a big hit. I know I have said the actual rating already, but personally, I think it is a four-star movie.

The *Small Foot* movie is an animated musical. The winter giants are called Yeti's. And Yeti's call humans small foots. It's the number one animated movie out now. It's about a Yeti named Migo whose life changed after he finds something that he didn't know existed. He found a human. After he finds out, he runs to his village and tells the village what he found. And they refused to believe him, and called him a liar. Then he goes on a hard journey and finds friends to help him along the way.

It's also a musical. The movie is rated PG, which means kid friendly! I would recommend this movie to a family that enjoys watching animated, musical movies; and a family that enjoys winter, and Yetis!

It's a fun movie to watch at home with friends and family. It has some of the most popular actors and singers such as Zendaya, LeBron James, Channing Tatum, and James Corden. It's also appropriate for all ages so that people don't have to worry about their children seeing this movie.

by Tru Butler, 7th Grade

The Principal's Corner...

We have had a terrific start to a new school year. The first quarter is finished and so much has already been accomplished. See You at the Pole was a huge success. It was great to see our eighth graders step up their leadership qualities and lead the classes in prayer.

Our soccer and volleyball teams had amazing seasons. We are proud of all the work they put into building their skills and showing good sportsmanship to each visiting team. The basketball players are now working on their skills to prepare for their season.

Grandparents' Day was a fun day to spend with our families. We also enjoyed a pep rally filled with whipped cream. :D We had a successful first fundraiser and started a cap/lid collection program to get benches for our playground.

Our chapels have been blessed by amazing worship and messages to touch the hearts of everyone there. Kindergarten and sixth grade did an excellent job sharing chapel messages. I look forward to what God has in store the rest of the year.

Our second quarter will bring conferences and holiday celebrations. What a blessing to have so many things to look forward to throughout the year. The biggest challenge this next quarter will be getting school work done before holiday functions. The key is to finish work early so you can relax and enjoy all of your activities.

In Christ,
Mrs. Bergstrand

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