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Getting to Know...



Mr. Tabor

Welcome to Mr. Tabor, the new Music Theory teacher! Mr. Tabor attended Andrew High School and played in the school marching band. He went to a whole bunch of different colleges but graduated from Northeastern Illinois University downtown. He grew up Catholic and began attending a Christian church in 2007. Mr. Tabor is married, has four children, and is the owner of House of Music located next to CHS. Out of all the instruments, his favorite instrument is the drum set. Mr. Tabor plays for a Presbyterian church (although he isn't Presbyterian). He also sometimes plays around the area. He has been teaching music for fifteen years. I'm sure all of Christian Hills School wants him to stay around for quite a while.

by Jackson Bergeron, 7th Grade



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

It has been a quick first five weeks of school, and who would have believed that we would have five record-breaking days above 90 degrees at the end of September. Our first midterms have been sent home and our first quarter will be ending in a few weeks. Our PACHS Committee has been working hard over the summer and your children are enjoying the new blacktop games, tetherball games, and climbing dome in the playground. Our PACHS Committee is committed to enhancing your child's total experience at Christian Hills School. Also, they have organized one of our new security measures on field trips by holding the field trip t-shirt sale. We have noticed on field trips that many schools have gone away from the lanyards because they could be a safety hazard, much like cords on blinds. Having the same "uniform" makes it easier for all teachers and chaperones to keep track of their students. Additionally, on Blue/Gold days everyone will be able to participate. I want to thank our parents for supporting the field trip t-shirts. The School Committee is also very concerned with safety and security. This summer we purchased additional walkie-talkies so that when teachers take students out for class activities, an additional recess, or they use the Activities Room, they will be in contact with the office in case of an emergency.

By the end of this week, all of our parents will know of or meet our three new staff members. We would like to welcome Mrs. Cristine Pavoni as our new junior high Language Arts teacher. Mrs. Pavoni has taught in both Illinois and Wisconsin schools and holds a middle school certification. We have reinstated the Music Theory classes this year and these classes will be taught by Mr. Anthony Tabor. Mr. Tabor has a college degree in Music and is the owner of House of Music next door. Additionally, we have split the K3/K4 classes into two separate classes. Mrs. Jamonica Disser will be taking over the K3 class and has several years of preschool and kindergarten teaching experience. Mrs. Sapulich and Ms. Huezo will continue to work with our K4 students. If you know of anyone who is still looking for a preschool placement, please send him or her our way. We have openings in both classes with the opening of the second class. In order to make these changes possible, I will be teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade history classes. It is not an accident that I chose history, as I am certified to teach Biological Sciences and History. This, of course, limits when I can take your calls. I am available daily from 9:15am to 1:00pm.

Finally, I want to announce that Christian Hills School will be the host site for the Elementary Speech Meet for the Northern Illinois region on Friday, March 16, 2018. Our students will not be traveling to Wisconsin or Rockford to participate this year. More details will be forthcoming as we plan for this event. As a final note, I want to welcome our new families and welcome back our old ones. This will be an exciting year at Christian Hills School as we continue to make the CHS program the best in our area.

Girls Volleyball

Serving up.....a Storm!



This year, our volleyball team has expanded. There are now 17 girls on both teams. Let's welcome our newest JV members: Annie Bergeron, Kennedy Brooks, Daniela Dodge, Hannah and Sarah George, Kaori Hazel, Karalyn White, and Lundyn Williams! Every player, except these reporters, are on the JV team. Also, cheer for the Varsity team: Chelsea Brooks, Adrienne Brown, Allison & Jady Gillies, Gaby Huisman, Jazmyn Nelson, Joely MacRitchie, Morgan Pate, and Shama Patel! On September 7, the Lions played three games on Friday at the South Side Baptist Tournament. The first game against KTA was lost 15 to 25. The second game against Calumet was lost 18 to 25. The last game, a very close one against the Trinity Eagles, was lost 23 to 25. We finally won 25-18 on Saturday! Toward the end of the season, the Lions will compete

in a vigorous conference known as the ACSI Torchmen Tournament. In this tournament, the Lions will play a minimum of four games, or maybe more, depending on how many they win. Last season, the Lions placed 3rd, but this year we hope to win 1st!

So far this season, the Lions have played 3 home games and 5 away games with 4 wins for the JV team, but unfortunately, none for Varsity. The JV team has been playing some excellent games! They're diving for the ball, and their serves are getting better and better. Unfortunately, the varsity team hasn't won a game yet, but we won't give up! Over the next few weeks, our team will play against Deer Creek, Trinity, Calvary, and Grace. All these teams will be at the ACSI tournament, which is a nerve-racking one! Please be praying and hoping for the best in all of these games and the tournament. We've all been working hard in practice after school. God has given us many great victories and we ask Him for strength and endurance before every game. The volleyball season has been great this year, so cheer your team on and let's roar! We are so happy to be on the team with these girls! Go Lions!

by Adrienne Brown & Allison Gillies, 7th Grade



PACHS Events

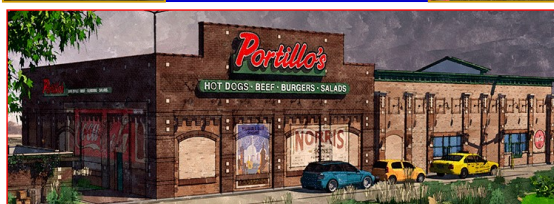
PACHS stands for Parents at Christian Hills School. They are a group of parents who organize fundraisers and social events throughout the year. As you may have noticed already, they installed new recess equipment over the summer. In the field, we have 2 tetherball games, Frisbee golf, footballs, kick balls, and basketballs. In the playground, they have added the climbing dome. On the black top, we have kickball, hopscotch, an obstacle course, the dots game, tic tac toe, and 4 square. PACHS members are really excited for the **NEW** fundraiser. We are selling LaBraid butter braid pastries, Dutch desserts, and popping popcorn. The fundraiser money will be going toward updating technology, a new gym floor, and for new desks and chairs. Once a family sells 20 units, their kids get to go to a pizza party on November 1st. Once you sell 25 units, you will win a raffle ticket to be entered to win an apple I-Pad. Every 5 units after that, you get another raffle ticket, so be sure to sell a lot of the desserts and popcorn. On October 13th, we will be having our 2nd Annual Mother/Son Night. There will be snacks, games, and a photo booth. Last year, the Mother/Son night was fun. Come join the competition and see which mother-son duo will win!!!!!!!!!!!!!! As you may have also noticed, there is a mailbox in the lobby for Box Tops. Be sure to bring in those Box Tops; we get 10¢ for every Box Top!

by Ethan Blohm & Antonio Llamas, 7th Grade



RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

by Aylissa Powell & Meher Swamy, 8th Grade



This year, there are some delicious restaurant fundraisers. Portillo's was on September 13th from 5-8 pm for which we will receive a check for \$106! Blaze Pizza at 24 Orland Square Drive will be on October 25th from 4-8pm. Burger 21 at 14650 LaGrange Road is on November 15th, all day! How the fundraisers work is that the school gets a portion of the sales back. Last year, the school made approximately \$400. The school used those funds towards the installation of basketball

backboards in the gym. This year, the school will be replacing old sporting equipment. The school is also planning on getting a new scoreboard with the funds in the future. Overall, last year's fundraisers were successful, so be sure to attend this year's events. The school will be eager to see you there!



County Line Orchard



tasted, they said it was amazing. When we went to the apple orchard in kindergarten, we did a lot of the same things. We ate the cinnamon donuts and had fresh apples. It was one of our favorite field trips so far.

by Marcello Gamboa & Eli Weeks, 7th Grade



Missionaries and Ministries

by Louis Longfellow & Kristian Larimer, 8th Grade

Tony Simon is a CHC Missionary serving in Mexico. He grew up going to CHC and we're very proud of him. He is planting churches in Mexico and he has been doing it for eighteen years. That's a long time!!! Tony and his wife Azucena have built eleven churches in Sinaloa, Nayarit, and surrounding areas. Tony works with La Fuente Ministries in Tepic, Nayarit. Together, they have built twenty two churches and have ministered to around 2500 people on a regular basis!!! They also bring VBS programs to these areas. This summer, they did 19 VBS programs reaching 2,200 kids! Tony is a good teacher at Vanguard Bible Institute which is an accredited university connected with the Christian Life College. Tony Simon and La Fuente's goal is to bring one hundred churches in Nayarit, Jalisco and the surrounding area. Tony and his wife Azucena want to create twenty-five of these churches. They have two children; one named Vanessa, ten and, Andrea, thirteen. Heart 4 Mexico is a new not-for-profit organization Tony and Azucena are starting to raise money to plant even more churches and ministries in Mexico. They have four main pillars for their program. The first is church planting. The second pillar is a home for boys and girls. At the moment, they have 28 kids in foster care. The third pillar is Vanguard Bible School, as previously mentioned above. The last pillar is short-term Mission Teams. Overall, Tony Simon is doing a lot for the kingdom of God, and is making a lot of progress in Mexico.

Below is a small excerpt from The Simon's Newsletter

"San Blas-We officially launched the church in San Blas at the Voga Voga Disco Bar!! On September 10th we had an incredible turnout for the launch of the new church. Since February, we have been gathering people by holding pre-launch meetings each month, doing concerts for the youth and kids programs in local parks. This is the first time that we have started a church using this strategy. We were very happy with



the results. Thank you to all the people that have helped us through this process. The work is just beginning.

Tuxpan-Last year in the town of Tuxpan, Nayarit we began pouring the foundation of the new building. The congregation currently meets in a rented facility in downtown Tuxpan. The construction stopped due to lack of funds but we recently started back up again. We are going to continue the foundation up until the footings then slowly but surely we will begin the building the walls. The church in Tuxpan is a thriving congregation and they have been giving bags of cement, block and money to see this project thru."



Going Home

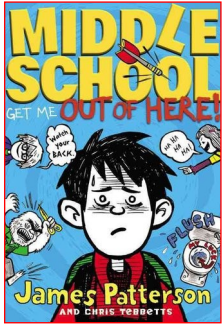
A Continuing Story by Gabe Conway, 8th Grade

In the middle of the Australian Outback, there is a town made of entirely criminals. They all live under the rule of the master thief, or "King". Only criminals that haven't been caught live there, causing mayhem and mischief every day. The city is heavily fortified by a giant wall on the outside. But one day, two criminals went too far and tried to steal from the King. The two criminals got thrown out of the town. These stories are their attempts to get back in.

"Get out and stay out!" yelled the guard to the two criminals as he threw them out. The two criminals got to their feet as soon as the gate slammed shut. "Well, that's a fine way to get up in the morning!" shouted Trip. Trip and Brutus were the two criminals who were thrown out. Trip is a very scrawny and wild person who does most of the talking and planning, while Brutus is very physically built and barely speaks at all. "So what now?" Trip said, mostly to himself as he looked around. Brutus was sitting sharpening a knife when all of a sudden Trip shouts, "I've got an idea!"

Check out October's Lion's Roar to see what happens next!

Verse of the Month



Hey, there. Here is the book review for this month; *Middle School: Get Me Out of Here!* by James Patterson. Rafe's mom lost her job. That meant the family couldn't pay their rent, so they had to move into his Grandma Dotty's house in the city. Because they moved, he couldn't go to Airbrook Arts, but he did get to go to a different art school. He made a new friend at his new school and had lots of adventures with him! When it turned out his new friend may not be as great a friend as he thought, he slept over at an old friend's house. Then, his mom got her old job back! To find out more, you must read the book!

by Jeremy Faustin, 7th Grade



Book & Movie Reviews



The Nut Job 2, Nutty by Nature will drive you nuts! The moral of the story is always the same and this movie was not very good. Beyond that is the fact that the animation was incredibly bad. Even *Boss Baby* had better animation. The movie is basically the same movie as the original *Nut Job*. The park animal gang has to find another food source after their original Nut Shop, where they stayed, burned down. Right from the start of the movie, it immediately turned into a sleeping party. All that happened was that the two squirrels started fighting and that's really all that I could think about. So would I recommend this to anyone? Of course not! The jokes weren't funny to kids or adults and it was just a bad movie overall. Should they make a third movie? No, it will most likely be worse than the one before. In conclusion, this movie was, in so many ways, unnecessary and they should never make another one. The movie rating of this movie is PG, so it is ok for most everyone to watch.

by Phillip White, 8th Grade



Descendants 2 is a good movie for children but as it is with many Disney movies, it is very unrealistic. Parents need to know that *Descendants 2* is darker than the original *Descendants*. It continues the story of four Villain Kids who get a second chance at the good life in the kingdom of Auradon. This movie begins with a long sword battle over the future of Auradon's king-to-be, Ben, and a villain bent on winning at all costs. Mal, Evie, Jay, and Carlos continue to be positive examples of living life by what is right instead of by what others tell you to believe. There are also many moments that celebrate strong female characters. You can also expect to see some kissing between teens in this entertaining movie. But you don't have to take our word for it, take Ellen Robertson's who said: "It goes without saying that Disney is excellent at producing television shows and movies capitalizing on the entertainment market for children all the way to young adults. Recently we are seeing a shift in the target demographic for Disney. They are breaking out of cheese teeny movies and shows and are beginning to produce movies and shows that challenge the audience to think more and deeper into the issues within society and humanity. Now, the first *Descendants* movie was good but this sequel? It was far beyond exceptional. The choreography was entertaining and enthralling, the set and costume designs and production were of high caliber and the acting topped it all off. We all know from the first movie the amazing job the original cast did in portraying the children of villain children without being villainous."

Descendants 2 is rated TV-G and is currently showing on The Disney Channel. If you enjoy the *Descendants* movies, there are rumors of a *Descendants 3*, so keep an eye out and enjoy!

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