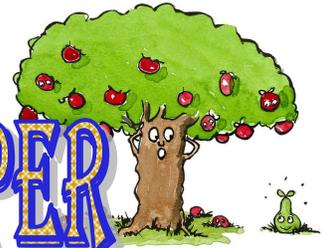


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CHRISTIAN HILLS SCHOOL  
A MINISTRY OF  
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Getting  
to Know...

## Mrs. Bergstrand

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



Mrs. Gayle Bergstrand is a kind, compassionate principal that came to Christian Hills this year. She was actually the principal here ten years ago. She has also been teaching for thirty years, and likes being both a teacher and principal for each of their own reasons. She has been a teacher for kindergarten, third grade, fourth grade, and eighth grade. Mrs. Bergstrand was even a cheerleading coach for quite a few years, too! She also enjoys teaching Bible lessons in chapel. She is married to Scott Bergstrand, and they have two grown children, Brittany and Andrew, who are both in college. She studied at Trinity Christian College and Governors State University. She has been a Christian almost her whole life, but when she was nineteen, she came to Christian Hills Church and her life was changed that night. After that night, she actually wanted a relationship with Jesus, rather than just being in a Christian family and going to church regularly.



## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

A new school year is underway. The students have been working hard on adjusting to their new classrooms and teachers and making new friends. We have had a successful "See You at the Pole" which all students actively participated in. Chapels have been terrific. We have been going over the three parts of God so that the students know who they believe in and what that means to us.

The volleyball and soccer teams have had a successful season so far. We look forward to the remaining games and tournaments to wrap up our fall season. Great job, CHS players!!!

Our first fundraiser has been ramping up and the students are selling a lot of Butter Braids. I appreciate the parents that engage in the fundraisers to better our school. Fundraising is such a vital part to our school's success. PACHS has also been working hard on preparing for the Mother/Son game night, which will take place this Friday.

We are very excited to share that this is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christian Hills School. Several different activities are being planned to celebrate this monumental year. Look for news throughout the school year!

Have a blessed week!

In His Service,

Mrs. Bergstrand/Principal

# Boys Soccer



by Niko Balaskas & Jackson Bergeron, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

This season is a fresh start for the CHS Soccer Team, considering that there hasn't been a soccer team for nearly ten years. So far the team is undefeated with 4 wins and no losses. The members of the boys soccer team (according to grade) are: (8th) Niko Balaskas, Jackson Bergeron, Cello Gamboa, Cam Disser, Zed Ruff & Elijah Weeks; (7th) Jacob Kemp, TJ Vinson, & Terrence Ware; (6th): Jacob Leary; (5th) Gianni Balaskas, Joseph Borkowsky, Brian Peck, Daniel Shapiro & Tristin Vinson, (4th): Cole Leary, Joshua Jakes, Nathan Majchrzak, and Matthew Palumbo.

So far, this season has been going well for them, and they are going to get better with time. The season is still going and we still have a lot of kinks to work out; otherwise, they are a great team. First we played Trinity and beat them 3 to 6. Then we played Grace and beat them 5 to 6. Next we played Southside Baptist and beat them 8 to 0. Then we played Grace again and beat them 9 to 2. We had a real nail biter when we played Trinity again.



We had a tied 0 to 0 score but then lost to them in a shootout. Next, we beat Homeschool Resource with a score of 6 to 2. The last game we just played against Southside Baptist, we won again; 5 to 1! We still have more games to play. I hope we can also win the tournament. During the practices and games, we have definitely improved. This year's coach is Mrs. Cristine Pavoni. The soccer teams' first tournament is coming up very soon. I hope that the past games have been getting them ready for it. This season is going to be great, and the team is definitely going to get better.



# Girls Volleyball



The girls' volleyball season has been going great, with the elementary team winning all of the games that they've played except for one. The junior varsity team has won half of the games they have played. The Torchman Tournament was on September 7th and 8th. It was a great opportunity for our volleyball team. They learned how to come together as a team, and learned how to pray before the game as a team. They have improved their skills while being at this tournament. The two teams also came together and played as one team. The whole volleyball team won 3 individual matches and lost 3 individual matches on Friday, September 7th. On Saturday, September 8th, they lost 2 individual matches, but only lost by 2 points. Both of the teams have been doing really well. They have been working really hard at their practices and games. The girls have been working extra hard this season, and soon it's off to the ICC Tournament. The elementary team consists of Kendall Blohm, Sydni Hardy, Alison Pavoni, and Emma Weeks; all in 4th grade. In 5th, grade we have Annie Bergeron, Kennedy Brooks, and Daniela Dodge. We also have 2 homeschoolers on the team; Jenna Henthorn and Isabella Palumbo. Then there's Chelsea Brooks, Jadyne Gillies, Joely MacRitchie, and Shama Patel all in 6th grade. The junior varsity team consists of



Chelsea Brooks, Jayden Gilles, Joely MacRitchie, and Shama Patel in 6th grade. The 7th grade girls are Gabriela Huisman, Jori Lambert, Jazmyn Nelson, and Karalyn White. Finally, in 8th grade, is Allison Gillies. by Gabriela Huisman & Jazmyn Nelson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## PACHS Events

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

The PACHS Committee throws many events throughout the year. One is the annual Mother/Son Night, or MSN. I went with my mom last year. We competed in 6 or 7 different games together against different teams of moms and sons. The six games are rather creative, to say the least. Something all the boys that have went experienced is your mom talking smack and you laughing awkwardly. Other than the MSN, PACHS is in charge of a lot of other fundraisers, such as the LaBraid fundraiser. So be sure to participate in these and all the fundraisers to come! This year the Mother/Son Night will be held on October 5th, so come and have some fun!



## Restaurant Fundraisers

Each year our school has fundraisers at area restaurants. This year, the fundraisers will be for the 8th grade Washington, DC trip. Let me explain. Every now and then we get to go to a fine establishment for lunch or dinner to dine, and a percentage of the money goes toward the trip. The first fundraiser was held at City Barbeque on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope you were there because they have great food! Our next fundraiser will be at McAllister's Deli in Orland Park on October 24th. Then there'll be more places like The Patio and Culver's. I don't know if it's just me, but I'm pumped for these fundraisers! We hope to see all of Christian Hills at each and every restaurant fundraiser!

by Jacob Kemp, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Chapel



Chapel this year is different. We have started to combine chapels almost every other week. This way we can listen to different speakers. We have learned a lot this month. The main point was about the Trinity. How God is three in one. The first speaker this month was Pastor Donald. He talked about many different things all leading to one main point: "What is God calling me to do?" He talked about getting out of our comfort zones and about never being too young to make a difference. The second week, we had our brand new principal, Mrs. Bergstrand, speaking. She started with an object lesson. It showed how it is important to put God first. If we put all of our worldly things first, then God and the other heavenly obligations won't fit. But when we put God first, He makes everything work. We talked about two things: What the Trinity is; and the first part of the Trinity, God the Father. The Trinity is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is three in one. The Trinity

can be represented in many ways. One way is the egg. There is the shell, yolk, and the white, which is three things, yet it is one thing. We also learned that the Father isn't just the Father. He is also our creator, protector, and provider. The third week our speaker was Pastor Brennan. He talked about the Son. The second part of the Trinity. He was sent down in the form of a human. Imagine God on Earth. He did amazing works right where he was and we can do the same. Use your talents right where you are in Illinois or Indiana. The last one was about the Spirit. He is always with us, always protecting us. All of this packed into four chapels. We have learned so much about God and who He is. I am looking forward to another month of great chapels and worshipping the Lord.

by Karalyn White, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## CHC & CHS Ministries

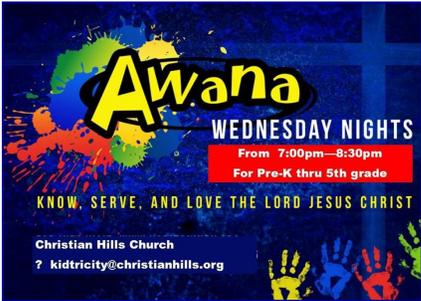
by Jeremy Faustin, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

As the new school year starts, Awana, U-turn, and Chapel also start. Awana is a Wednesday night Bible study for kids. It is the same time as U-turn.

Cubbies is preschool age and costs \$21. Sparks; kindergarten through 2nd grade also has a \$21 fee. T&T, which stands for Truth & Training, is 3rd through 5th grade, costs \$26 and you can still sign up for all the classes.

U-turn is a youth group for 6th grade through high school. It's from 7:00 - 8:30 and the series we are doing is called "Toxic Religion".

Don't forget, Trunk or Treat is coming up soon on Saturday, October 13th. The young kids attend and the older kids can help! This year, Chapel is in the morning for everyone, sometimes combined, sometimes not. Right now, we are talking about the Trinity and what that means.



## CHS Service Field Trip A Servant's Heart

by Camryn Disser, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

For the past few years, Christian Hills Church has helped our surrounding neighbors and community by cleaning and fixing things for people in need on Labor Day. So for a class service project, we cleaned up trash and debris from parks in Orland Hills and Tinley Park. We had 6th-8th grades do one park, and Kindergarten-5th grades to do another park. The park that 6th-8th graders cleaned was called Kelly Park. Although we were cleaning up garbage that wasn't ours, it was still cool to do what we did for the community. We do this because we want to follow in the footsteps that Jesus took by serving others. It was also a fun trip because we got to walk around the park, get out of the classroom, and get some fresh air. I love helping out the community because it reminds me about what Jesus had done for others and to have a servant's heart no matter what. I think doing this makes a big impact on our community because kids and adults will see a bunch of kids cleaning a park and hopefully they will follow our example and do the same thing. I also think it's needed to remind us that we have a beautiful world and shouldn't trash or misuse it. We should all take this deed into our minds and keep this moment and know that what we've done was good.



# LION'S PRIDE

This school year we are doing a new program called Lion's Pride. When a student does something good or helpful, their teachers will write it down and send it to the office. On Fridays, the Principal will announce them and they will get a sucker. The Lion's Pride program encourages students to do good things around the school. Lion's Pride program is for every student from preschool to 8th grade.

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



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

The Kindergarten class went to the County Line Apple Orchard on Friday, September 14. They picked apples from the trees, and when they came back to school, they made applesauce. They went to the farm that was there and saw goats, cows, pigs, ducks, lambs, and ponies. They took a tour and learned about bees and pollination. They also learned about apple cider and tasted it. Then they saw machines that washed the apples and sorted them out by size. After the tour, they went to pick their apples. They ate their lunch, then fed the animals grain. They also had a scavenger hunt looking for animals and different vowel sounds. Then they went to

a playpen after they found a huge tree with eyes that looked like it was looking at them! They played farmer, and after that long fun day, they settled down and ate apple doughnuts. When they came back to school on Monday, they made their applesauce. They had a really great time and they all want to visit again!



## The Huskies Escape

A Short Story by Allison Gillies, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Once there was a cruel old lady who never let her beautiful, adorable huskies out. She had a pretty backyard, but her poor huskies were never allowed to go out and enjoy it. The lady was mean, though, and she hogged her yard all to herself. One day, the huskies decided to break out! When the lady was busy hogging her yard, they escaped. They ran far away until their poor legs were too tired to go on. Two nice girls who happened to walk by saw the huskies and felt bad for them.

They took them to the animal shelter and got them collars. Then they took them home, gave them a great dinner, and they named them Jack and Jill. Then they lived together, played all day, took walks, and had a great life.

## The Adventures of People

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

A long time ago in a school far, far away... No, it was more like a couple of miles away. Away from what, you may ask? You'll find out. So let us get on with the story. Yeah, right now in this very school, five friends are hanging out in the cafeteria. Little did they know that they will be going on the adventure of their lives. Soon, but we will get to that later. So yeah, let us get to know the few friends. Leo, the smart, nerdy one; Jason, the athletic, tough one; Piper, the kind, meek one; Nico, the other athletic one, and Hazel, the geeky one. Now that you know them, let's get to the adventure. It was a nice day at school and then there was fire. But this is just the beginning. Check back on the next *Lion's Roar* to find out all about this new adventure.

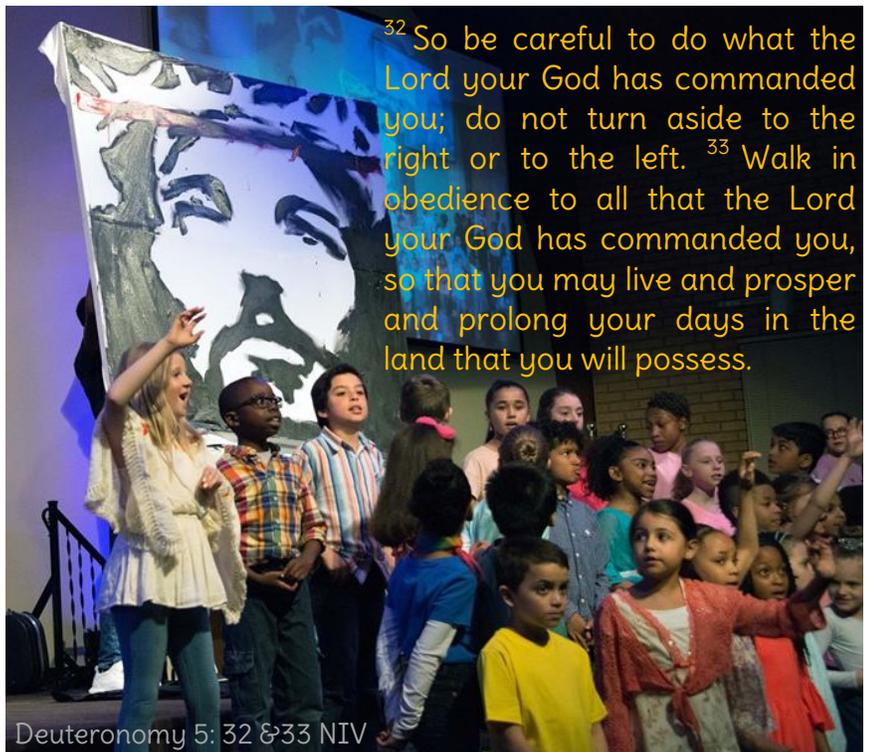
## Music Review

by Marcello Gamboa, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am doing the review on the band *MercyMe*, which was formed in 1994. *MercyMe* is a Christian music band, that was founded in Edmond, Oklahoma. Currently, there are 5 members in the band, and the main singer is Bart Millard. Their song, "I Can Only Imagine" is one of the most popular songs on the Christian radio stations. The song earned a Dove Award in 2002 for the song of the year. From 2001 to 2017, the band released 9 studio albums. In addition, they released 2 Christmas albums. They have produced 13 number one hits on the Christian Billboard. They have also had 25 songs that have reached the top 10 on the Christian Billboard. Their most popular song is "Word of God Speak". It's a favorite song that is played in many churches. There was even a movie made of the band, called "I Can Only Imagine". It is based on forgiveness. The movie was based on Bart, the lead singer, forgiving his father, and that's what made him come up with the song, "I Can Only Imagine". The song is based on his dad going to heaven, and Bart could only imagine how awesome heaven is.

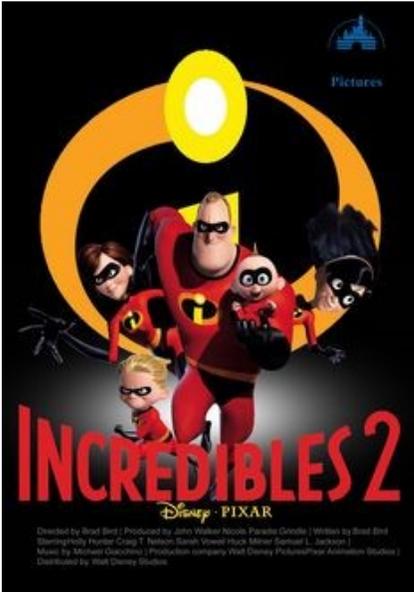


## Verse of the Month



<sup>32</sup> So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. <sup>33</sup> Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

Deuteronomy 5: 32 & 33 NIV



The movie *Incredibles 2* became the #1 movie out a few months ago. They made the 1st one 14 years ago. And there finally was a second one. One of the main features of this movie is that it is a little over two hours long!

The movie is about a superhero family who was in hiding because the government banned super heroes from using their powers in public because they were destroying buildings while fighting crime. But then they worked with another superfamily and tried to show the government that superheroes save the world — NOT destroy it.

I would probably recommend this movie to families, but especially to families with kids 12 years old or younger. Or for people of any age who enjoy animated movies. Also because the movie is rated PG.  
by Tru Butler, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



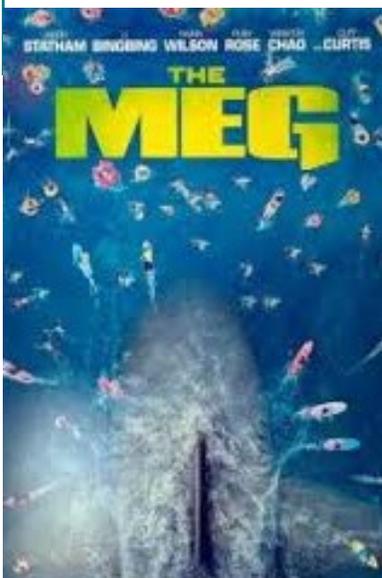
by Ben Gomez, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*Ant-Man and the Wasp*, in my opinion, is a great movie. The movie is rated PG-13. This movie is a sequel to the original *Ant-Man*. I think this movie is even better than the original

movie. It starts with Ant-Man on house arrest. He is under house arrest because what he had done in *Captain America Civil War*. The main goal is to get the scientist's wife out of a different dimension. They had a hard time getting her out. They had to go in after her in a short time period. They get her out, and when she gets out, she has powers. I would recommend this movie. I give it a 9 out of 10 stars.

# Movie Reviews

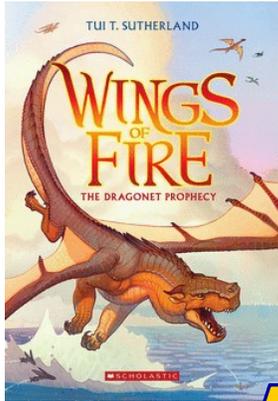
The movie *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, is about finding a specific dinosaur named Blue. But there is an active volcano that is going to explode, so a rescue team is sent to save the rest of the dinosaurs on the island. Also, a scientist is hired by a businessman to create a new dinosaur. But the rescue team doesn't know that the dinosaurs are just being saved for auction. The scientist needed Blue's blood to finish the new dinosaur named Indo Raptor. But the rescue team finds out and they are imprisoned by the businessman that sent them to save the dinosaurs. The former dinosaur trainer of Blue finds a way to get out with the help of a Pachycephalosaur. They mess up the auction, but in doing so, the Indo Raptor is set free, and Blue saves them from the Indo Raptor with her intelligence. I

recommend this movie because it's fun, adventurous and good for a family movie that is rated PG-13.  
by Zedekiah Ruff, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



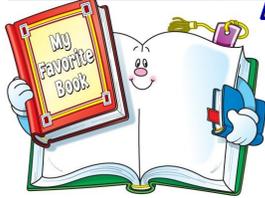
*The Meg* is a really good movie. It is about a shark that is no ordinary shark; it is a Megalodon. It is the biggest shark ever! Then it became extinct; but they found out that there is one more left. When scuba divers dove down into the sea in a submarine, they found a little cave under the ground, opened it up, and they saw new fish. Then all of a sudden something big hits them. They didn't know what it was, so they thought it was a rock or something. They kept on exploring, then it hit them again. They fell to the surface scared and clueless. They lost power and signal so they could not talk to the people at the surface. There were three people in the submarine and one of them got the power back on and they were talking to the people at the surface. Then the shark hit them again. Then they saw what it was. They said it was a shark. Then they saw why the shark was hitting them. It was attracted to light!

That's just the beginning of the movie! If you like sharks and want to see more, check it out at the theaters. The movie was rated PG-13. I don't recommend kids under 13 to see it because some scenes have pretty gruesome parts.  
by Todd Vinson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

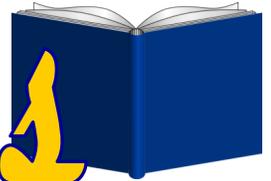


*Wings of Fire-The Dragonet Prophecy* is the first book of a series written by Tui. T. Sutherland. This book is about five dragonets born to stop a continent-wide war, choose a new queen, and save the world. These dragonets are a Mudwing named Clay (the star, or main character of this book), a Seawing named Tsunami, a Sandwing named Sunny, a Rainwing named Glory, and a Nightwing named Starflight. They were stolen as eggs by the Talons Of Peace, the dragonets caretakers, and hatched in a hidden cave under mountains in the Skywing territory. They all long to see the world outside of the cave, but unfortunately, the Talons of Peace refuse to let them out because of the dangers of being taken as captives. But Clay and Tsunami escape through an elaborate plan. Soon they find themselves in the dangerous talons of Queen Scarlet of the Skywings. She holds them captive in her dungeons and tries to get them to fight in her arena. They escape to the Sea Kingdom because of a dragonet named Peril. This book is full of adventure, intense moments, and even love. I would definitely recommend this series to others, as I have all of the books so far. These books are for 9-13 year old kids. I give this book 4.5 out of 5, and I give the whole series 5 out of 5. If you want to read this book, you will find it (and the next 4 books in the series) in the CHS library!

by Myah Weeks, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

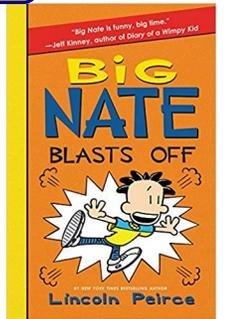


# Book Reviews



I recently read *Big Nate Blasts Off*. It was a really good book. It talks about how Nate ran into girl problems. Honestly, I might say I would even recommend it to someone as old as freshmen. I would definitely recommend it to someone 5th-8th grade. It's a really funny book. It still has the Big Nate vibes which I really like. It talks about how he liked this girl but then a bully also likes that girl. Nate's dad also loses his job and he realizes he has to move to California. Nate later finds out that Ruby, the girl that he liked, also likes him. He's upset because he has to move to California. Nate's dad later finds a job and doesn't have to move to California. Nate and Randy, the bully, join the same mud bowling team and become friends. Overall, this book is really good and is filled with ups and downs. Out of 5 stars, I would rate this book 4 stars. If you want to read this book, you can check it (and the entire series) out of the CHS library!

by Terrence Ware, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Upcoming



## Events

October 5<sup>th</sup> —Mother/Son Night  
 October 8<sup>th</sup> —Columbus Day—No School  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> —Trunk or Treat

October 17<sup>th</sup> —Grandparent's Day  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> —20<sup>th</sup> —Soccer and Volleyball Tournament  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> —Parent/Teacher Conferences—No School

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