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CHRISTIAN HILLS SCHOOL
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Getting
to Know...

Mrs. Williams

by Jady Gillies & Angelina Heath



This year, Mrs. Katie Williams is our new gym teacher. It's her first year here and she is excited to teach and interact with all the kids. Her goals for the kids this year are introducing that fitness can be fun, helping the kids to reach their goals, and making sure everyone pushes themselves. Some of the things she wants us to accomplish and learn are self-motivation and learning how our body works. Different skills she is excited to teach are techniques in sports and expanding on things you already know how to do. She is going to teach the kids how to play different sports and exercises. She is helping the older kids prepare for the presidential fitness test. She is also helping to make the kids stronger in their body and their mind. This year is tough with COVID and Mrs. Williams is new to the school, but she is working hard to make sure everyone is healthy and everything is wiped down after class. The work Mrs. Williams has done before she came here is tremendous. She played volleyball in high school and then went to college on a volleyball scholarship. She also taught volleyball to all ages and was a coach for different teams. She was also a preschool teacher. In her free time, she likes to sleep and play volleyball and basketball. She and her husband go to Solutions Church and sing on the worship team. Mrs. Williams' favorite Bible verse is Psalm 73:26 which reads: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." She and her husband BJ like to go downtown together. Through this experience, she is learning how God's grace and faith can help her. She is realizing her opportunities working here. This is her dream job and she loves to work with kids of all ages.



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

Welcome to our new school year! "2020" This year will be etched in our memories for many years to come. Each family will remember this year from a different perspective, and I pray that each and every person will be able to say that they have been able to draw closer to our Lord and Savior. He loves each and every one of us, even with our faults. He is our Father and protector. Praise the Lord!

I want to welcome all of our new families to school this year. We are excited to have each of you join our school family. We already love each and every child that has been put in our care 5 days a week.

There have been many changes that we have had to face this year, but I want to publicly say that each of you have taken these challenges and have overcome many obstacles.

Our Christian Hills Staff have worked tirelessly to change their classrooms to place each student in a safe environment. They have also learned how to teach remotely with excellence. It is different. It has taken many of us out of our comfort zone, but that is okay. Sometimes we need that. Our end goal has not changed. I will probably mention this several times over the course of the year, but our end goal is to teach and mold each and every student to be the best person they can be. We also want each one to see Christ in our lives.

Our students have been absolutely incredible. They amaze me daily. The students that are in the building have been doing a terrific job following the guidelines that have been set up to protect them. Even our very young, precious students are taking these changes in stride. Our remote students have also been working hard, adjusting to learning from home. I appreciate all of their hard work to make this a successful year for them as well.

Parents, your role at this time has also been hard. Trying to make the best decision for your family may sometimes seem like a daunting task, but with God's help, He will give each of you wisdom and peace knowing He is in control.

As we continue throughout this year, may we seek the Lord's direction and protection in all that we do.


God bless,
Mrs. Bergstrand
Principal

by Joely MacRitchie



As of this year, everyone knows that school is very different from the last. Obviously, our lovely teachers and principal came up with a solution for us to go back to school, even when they knew it would be more difficult. First off, everyone misses the people who are online and are not at school. We all miss each other, but hopefully, there will be a day when we can see each other soon. Also, wearing masks is definitely not people's favorite. Staying in one classroom almost all day is pretty weird, too. Most people only leave their classroom if it's time to get books, their lunch, and to go down to the gym. Another thing to add would probably be the "social distancing." All the kids in their classrooms are spread out about six feet apart. It's pretty weird considering last year all the desks didn't need to be spaced out like it is this year. Lastly, the pick-up and drop-off lines. Whoa, those are definitely the two

most different parts of the day. In drop off, you need to wait for the people to come out by your car and check your temperature. To be honest, we're all still getting used to that. And pick-up is different, too. In the pick-up line, you might want to get there a little bit early to get the kids. There is always a line of many cars waiting to pick up their kids. If your car is next, the kid who is supposed to be in that car has to run out and get in it. Well, school is surely different. People like some of it and don't like other parts of it. But until then, we're just going to have to make the best of it.

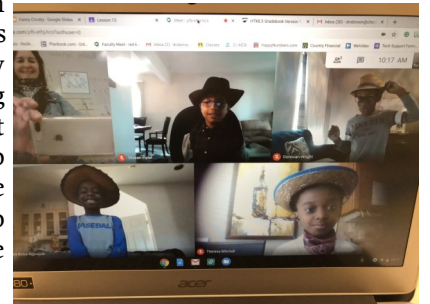
I will teach you in a room.
 I will teach you now on Zoom.
 I will teach you in your house.
 I will teach you with a mouse.
 I will teach you here and there.
 I will teach you because I care.
 So just do your very best.
 And do not worry about the rest.

A Day in the Life of an Online Student During COVID

by Chelsea Brooks

Since Covid-19 occurred, our school made some major adjustments. CHS gave us the option of going into the classroom or doing school online. I interviewed several online students to see what their online school day is like. Most students wake up anywhere from 5:30-8:00 am. They get up, eat breakfast, and do their regular morning routine. Some students also check to see if

they finished their homework. Our first class starts at 8:32 am and is usually Bible, unless it is Wednesday when we have chapel. Our teachers usually give us a couple of minutes off at the end of class so we can relax our eyes from staring at the computer all day. We get a recess and lunch break at the same time in-class students do. During lunch, some students watch tv and eat. Others do homework that they have so they don't have to do it later. After lunch, we get back on the computer. We sit and listen to anything the teacher has for us. They'll let us know when we can go. At the end of the day, after our last class, we can log off and be done for the day. Students then finish homework and do anything to prepare for the next day. Some students like online school better because it isn't as strict and we get more breaks. Their favorite parts of online school are the breaks we get and we don't have to participate as much. They also said that they like that there isn't as much stress as there would be in school. This is a regular day for the students that do online school.

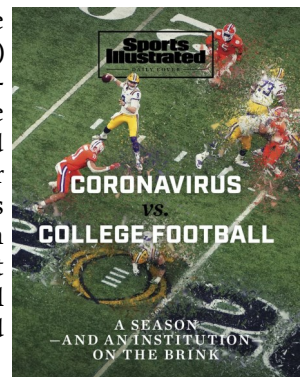


College Sports During COVID

by Joshua Mraz

College sports have been a staple of entertainment in American homes for years. It also has provided scholarships and many opportunities for athletes. With the ongoing pandemic, it has heavily affected college sports and even classes. As it started, no one thought it would be a big deal, but it has caused a domino effect of problems for collegiate athletes. It started in the spring when many classes and sports were canceled for the year. This includes March Madness, a tournament that provides some players the opportunity to showcase their talents and a potential chance to play in the NBA.

Many thought the pandemic would have run its course by the time football season had arrived, but they were mistaken. Two of the biggest conferences in college football (Big 10 and Pac-12) have postponed their seasons. This severely disrupts the senior athletes' final possibility of having a breakout season and getting drafted to a professional league versus living an ordinary life. The lesser talented athletes won't be able to afford the level of education they are receiving without the scholarships that their talents initially afforded them. For a large number of these athletes, the reality is only a small percentage will make it to the professional level, and obtaining an education for free is a ticket to a better life. Even being able to cherish their last season is a huge deal because many did not realize they have played their final collegiate game. Covid-19 has caused a storm of conflicts for college sports and there is no accurate prediction of when this storm will pass.



by Jacob Leary

Christian Hills School
PRESENTS

2nd Annual
GOLF
Fundraiser

October 4, 2020
Gleneagles Country Club
1:00pm Shotgun Start

On Course Contests!
Prizes & Raffles

\$90
Includes 18 Holes, Cart, Swag Bag,
Food/Beverage Ticket

Registration from Noon - 12:39
4 man scramble format
Register as an individual or
team of 4

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
Todd Walters (708) 670-3133
Register at:
CHSGolfFundraiser@yahoo.com

The annual Golf Fundraiser is a fun way for the school to raise money and have fun. This year will be its second annual year. It's on October 4th, 2020. It's located in Gleneagles Country Club at 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start. It costs \$90 to enter, and that includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a swag bag, and a food and beverage ticket. Both adults and students can join. The deadline to register for this outing is September 20th, 2020. You can also become a sponsor for this event. This fundraiser is for raising money for the school. The benefits of being a sponsor for this golf outing are announcements on the day of the event, your company name on course signs, and thank-you ads on the CHS website and social media. All sponsor displays will be in alphabetical order if you are considering being a sponsor for this golf outing. Funds will depend on the event costs such as fees, lunch, and prizes for participants. For more information about this tournament, go to CHSGolfFundraiser@yahoo.com.



CHC Trunk or Treat and Awana 2020

by Shama Patel



Wednesdays @ 3:45 - 5 PM
3 yr olds (potty trained) - 5th grade
Christian Hills Church
\$25 - Register w/ Pastor Tiffany at
kidtricity@christianhills.org

2020 has been a rollercoaster year. There were many things that were postponed or canceled because of Covid-19, including children's and youth groups. Now that we had a little break, we are back and ready to start again. Awana, now Kidtricity Kid's Club, is an amazing opportunity for kids to have fun and learn about God. There will be Bible lessons, crafts, experiments, games, and many more fun activities. Kidtricity will be from 3:45 to 5:00 every Wednesday for Preschool (potty trained) through 5th grade. The meetings will be held outside as long as the weather permits to make sure everyone stays safe and socially distanced. We would love to see you there!

Trunk or Treat has always been a favorite. It is an exciting way to socialize with people and have a good time. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we have to make some adjustments. Trunk or Treat will be on the 17th of October this year. There will be lots of fun games and activities. Instead of having it open to the community, it will be for the church and school only. This way we can safely socialize with each other and have fun. We hope you join us!!

Pastor Appreciation Month

by Alyssa Espano

Do you know what Pastor Appreciation Month is? Pastor Appreciation Month is a time where people honor their pastors for their leadership at church. This holiday was inspired by the Scripture in 1 Timothy 5:17 in which Paul said to give double honor to the elders of the church. So why do we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month? First, pastors serve daily at church. They prepare weekly sermons and they feel called to bring people to Jesus. Second, they sacrifice their lives for the gospel. They care for the sick and stand in social justice movements. Finally, they just don't serve in the church, they serve in communities, too! They reach out to people in need. You're probably wondering now, "Well, what can we do to celebrate our pastors?" There are many ways to do that. You can simply send them a thank-you letter, a note of encouragement with Bible verses, pray for them, or give them their favorite treats. It will surely be appreciated by your pastors. Pastor Appreciation Month is a very important holiday, and it is a great way to celebrate and honor your pastor.



God Has Not Forsaken Us, and He Will Never Forsake Us!

by Anthony Espano

God has not left us, and He never will. In fact, He has been watching over us this whole time. He has been watching over us through the ups and downs, and through the trials and tribulations. I can guarantee He is watching over us right now! I'm not going on any political agenda here, but I (and all of us, as humans) know it's been a hard year, whatever side you're on. The coronavirus has canceled school and work for the world, causing us to feel separated and lonely. The shootings and protests make us want to fear and cry out for help. And uncertainty about the future makes us want to plan ahead even more. But don't forget that, again, God has not left us. He has a plan for us. In Deuteronomy 31:6, it says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you, He will never leave you nor forsake you." Sometimes, we need to be constantly reminded of this because it may fall out of our heads at times. In the 1600s, during the Age of Colonization, a religious group called the Separatists wanted to leave England because they weren't happy with the Church of England (or the Anglican Church). So they left for the Netherlands, where they could worship freely. But some Separatists worried that the next generation would adopt the Dutch culture and the surrounding religions the Dutch believed. So they headed for the New World, to Virginia, one of the original 13 American colonies. The Virginia Company gave the Separatists permission to settle north of Jamestown. However, they, now known as Pilgrims, were blown off course. They were headed toward Massachusetts, another of the 13 colonies. After two months on the Mayflower, they landed off the coast of Cape Cod and explored the land, which they named Plymouth. They were in trouble, though, because they had no permission to settle there. And since they arrived in December, things got worse. They did not have time to plant crops. A cold winter, disease, and starvation caused nearly half the colony to die. But despite their hardships, they had much to be thankful for at the end of the rough season. And so do we! We also have a lot to be thankful for during this hard year. So, remember, God has our backs. And also, God loves us so much that He sent His one and only son, Jesus, to die for us (John 3:16). So, think about it: if He loves us that much, then why would He forsake us? Because He would never! He's a loving God who has that capacity of love. So, as we all should know: Keep calm, wear a face covering, and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10)!



Verse of the Month

Philippians
4:12-13

I know what it is to be in need,
and I know what it is to have plenty.

I have learned
the secret of being content
in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry,
whether living in plenty or in want.

I can do all this through Him
who gives me strength.

Wait

An original poem
by Jeremiah Johns

No house to live in
No food on the plate
While others comfort
All I do is wait

I wait for generosity
I wait for safe
I wait for others to realize
It's not all about hate

I wait for hope
I wait for joy
I wait for peace
Instead of destroy

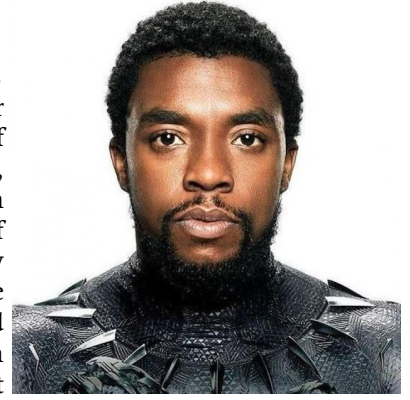
I wait that we will come
All together as one
That maybe one day
My wait will be over

Chadwick Boseman



by Blake Walters

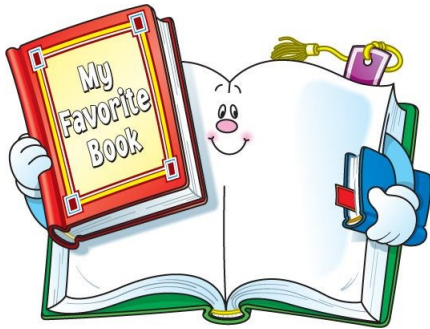
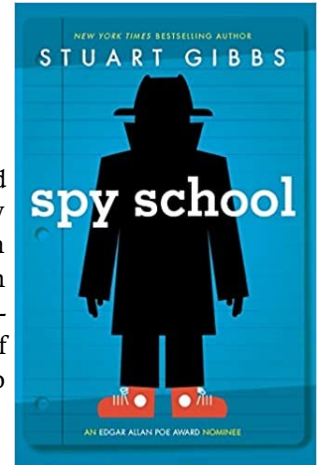
The character of Black Panther was played by Chadwick Boseman. For the people that don't know, Black Panther is a character who is part of the Marvel movies. Chadwick Boseman died unexpectedly on August 28, 2020 from cancer that he had for four years. He died in Los Angeles with his family at his side. Chadwick's funeral was in his hometown of Anderson, South Carolina. Many people were devastated and shocked by his death, but none more than his wife, Taylor Simone Ledward. No one knew he had cancer until his death was announced. Mr. Boseman had been fighting cancer for four years before he passed away. He died when he was forty-three. Even though he died, he was a Christian and he got baptized as a child so he is now at home with our Heavenly Father.



Spy School

by Kameron Cleveland

Spy School is a juvenile fiction book about a kid named Ben Ripley. He is a 12 year old kid who so badly wants to be a spy. One day when he got home from school, he found a man sitting on his couch. The man turned out to be a spy who works for the CIA. He discovers his parents were spies and now it was his turn to be a spy. Ben agreed and was quickly put on his first mission. I would rate this book 5 stars. It is action-packed and funny. I think many kids would like this book. This book's age range is 9-13. The author of this book is Stuart Gibbs. If you are into spy type of stuff, this book is definitely for you. There are also more books continuing this series. Spy Camp and Evil Spy School. I recommend those, too.



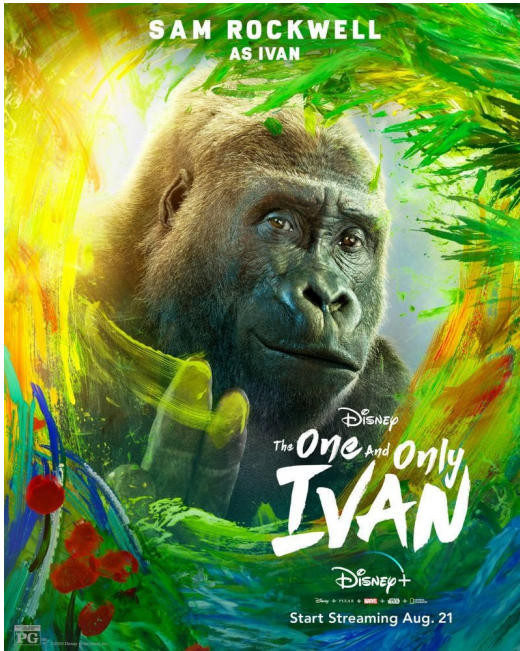
Book & Movie Reviews



by Caden Blohm

Mulan is a movie based in China. It is a Disney+ movie that is rated PG-13. This movie is a live-action remake of the animated Disney classic. The main character is Mulan. Her dad got called to war and she didn't want him to go and get hurt so she got her dad's armor and horse and went to the camp. They were not a strong army. They needed to get to work. They worked hard to get stronger and stronger. Mulan couldn't show her ability to fight. In China, women are known for working in their homes doing housework. The story of Mulan is about honor and truth. She didn't tell the truth and said she was a man so her dad didn't have to go to war. They had a battle and they won and thought they defeated the Hun. They found out Mulan was a woman and they left her to die in the mountains. Then she saw that the Hun survived and she had to go to save the emperor. She went to the temple to tell people what is happening, but nobody will listen to her. Then she told her friends from the army that the Hun were coming. They all helped to save the emperor. Then Mulan had the honor restored to her family and she saved China from the Hun.

More Movie Reviews



by Malachi Krestel

The One and Only Ivan is a great movie. It is rated PG. The movie is a Disney+ original that is based on the Newbery Award winning book by Katherine Applegate. This movie is about a gorilla named Ivan. He lives in a circus that is in a mall. Many other animals are also in the circus. Everything changed for Ivan when a baby elephant came into the circus. One day the animals tried to escape to try to find the wild, but they realized the wild was way too far away so they went back to the circus. At the end of the movie, all of the animals go to an actual zoo in Florida. I would recommend this movie because it is good for all ages. Overall, I love this movie.



by Dinum Watkins

Phineas and Ferb The Movie: Candace Against The Universe is rated G, so it is suitable for all ages. It is a movie based on the Nickelodeon Phineas and Ferb cartoon. Phineas and Ferb have built roller coasters, made robots of themselves, and trapped Candace in a video game. They do a lot of cool and crazy stuff. Candace is always tattling on Phineas and Ferb and trying to catch them so their mom can punish them. It's not that Phineas and Ferb are purposely trying to get on her nerves, she just doesn't feel included. Everyone thinks her brothers are amazing, but Candace thinks she is not special. It turns out, Candace is the chosen one to save planet Feebla-Oot from destruction. When Phineas and Ferb come to save her, she has to decide if she wants to be special or come back home. Candace just wants attention like her brothers. She's fed up with it and tries to find ways for her to get attention. Maybe if Candace actually said "Can I join in?" to her brothers, maybe they would actually let her join in with them. You can see the movie on Disney +. I really think people of all ages will enjoy this movie.



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