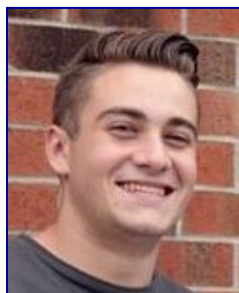
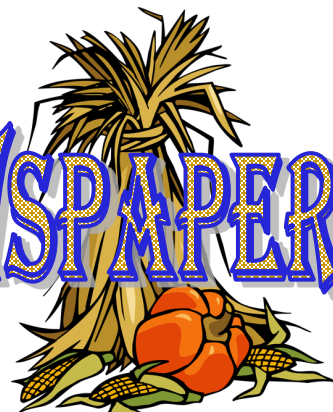




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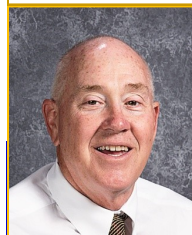


Getting to Know...

Brennan Nemec

by Faith Enokian, 8th Grade

Brennan Nemec is the current Youth Director for U-Turn Movement and has been for about ten months at CHC. Brennan attends Olivet Nazarene University and is studying Pastoral Ministry. He has attended CHC for twenty years and became a Christian at the age of ten. Brennan started attending the youth group in seventh grade when Pastor Frank Brendlinger was the Youth Pastor for CHC. When Brennan was in his freshman year of high school, Pastor Moy became the Youth Pastor for CHC. Then, in Brennan's sophomore year of high school, he was asked to become the worship leader for U-Turn. Another fun fact is that Brennan has one older sister named Bethany, one younger brother named Blake and all three of them attended and graduated from Christian Hills School! Brennan became the Youth Director in his sophomore year at Olivet Nazarene University. Not only does Brennan still lead worship every week, but now he is in charge of all of the U-Turn events and if I do say so myself, he does an awesome job at both!



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

October is coming to an end and our students are all practicing for our annual Christmas musical. Our musical this year is "Wrapping All the way" and the performances are on December 3rd and 4th at 7:00 P.M. Attendance at these performances is mandatory for all of our students as participation is part of their Music grade. Parents are also reminded that good attendance at rehearsals is necessary for our musical to be a success. Parents should check with their children daily to make sure you know if they have a rehearsal after school. Currently, we have students practicing some part of the musical after school everyday during the week. You can help your children learn their songs by playing the practice CD's that were sent home a few weeks back. If you need another, contact Pastor Tiffany for a replacement. For our actors, Saturday practices will be starting on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Our soloists and dancers will be attending some of these Saturday practices and Pastor Tiffany will remind them when they are practicing. Parents can earn fundraising hours by acting as parking lot workers or ushers for the actual concerts. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Stiles at office@chschoo.net. Finally, tickets for these performances will go on sale beginning the week of November 2nd. Ticket sales are online only and the link will be on our school website. These performances are generally sold out and we cannot guarantee that tickets will be available at the door. Parents are reminded to print out your tickets for the performances.

Our First Quarter Awards Assemblies will be on Thursday, November 5th. The junior high students (grades 5-8) assembly will start at 8:45 A.M. and the elementary assembly (grades 1-4) will begin at 9:30 A.M. Both assemblies will be in the Sanctuary. Our Rewards Day will be Friday, November 6th at 1:00 P.M. More specific details will be going home soon!

Girls Volleyball



by Alex Crosen & Kennedy Stevenson, 7th Grade

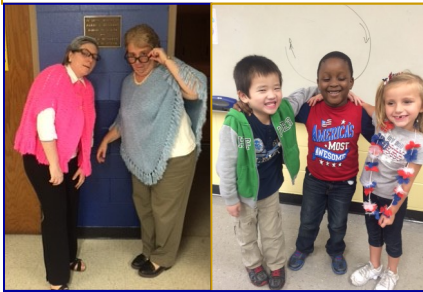
This year's Girls' Volleyball season was a success and all players improved greatly! There were two teams, as most of you know, elementary and junior high. The elementary team had eight girls: Adrienne Brown, Allison Gillies, Gabby Huisman, Nyah Janik, Emma Mooncotch, Jazmyn Nelson, Morgan Pate, and Leila Sloane. The varsity team this year had fifteen girls: Lin-Li Beadle, Katherine Bosma, Josie Brown, Shaneve Cal, Alex Crosen, Faith Enokian, Michaela Gomez, Cidney Jones, Delaney Lewis, Gina Mejia, Julia Mooncotch, Morgan Robinson, Hope Shapiro, Ciara Shefts, and Kennedy Stevenson. The elementary team earned fourth place for the season. Then, they beat Grace and won third place in the GLAC tournament; which is the only tournament they played for this season. The junior high team won first place in the Torchmen, ACSI, and GLAC tournaments. The All Tournament Award was given to players from each team who showed outstanding performances at the GLAC tournament! The players who received this award were, Faith Enokian, Gina Mejia, Julia Mooncotch, and Emma Mooncotch. "Great job" to all the volleyball players that played this year; and a hug and "great job" to Mrs. Admire for coaching these girls through an amazing season!



Spirit Week

by Gina Mejia, 8th Grade

Spirit Week this year at Christian Hills was a great success! With some new school spirit ideas, all the students had a blast. To start off the week, Monday had some rivalry with sports day. On Tuesday, the hallways were bursting with bright colors for "box of crayons" day. Christian Hills supported our country on Wednesday with red, white, and blue day. Everyone got a good laugh on Thursday when the students were supposed to dress like grandparents. To end our Spirit Week, the students dressed in blue and gold for the Girls' Volleyball Pep Rally. The 2015 Spirit Week was definitely fun, fresh, and fierce.



SERVICE CLUB

by Daniel White, 7th Grade

Service Club is a great experience for all the kids in 5th through 8th grades. It meets at least twice a month on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:10, so if you have a busy schedule it doesn't take that much time out of your day. It is led by Mrs. White, the 6th grade homeroom teacher. We meet in room 204. If you have seen the coloring contests and carnation sale, that is the Service Club. We also do recycling, help the preschoolers at recess, clean the preschool rooms, clean the outside of the school, give ideas for Field Day and Spirit Week, and do the end of the day announcements. Sadly it is too late to join this year, but I hope to see you next year!



Eighth Grade Garden



by Katherine Bosma, 8th Grade

Last school year, the 7th graders, now 8th graders, and Mrs. White started a garden. It began in the classroom where they grew the plants in cups until they were so large, they were falling out of the cups! Next, they worked long hours clearing the area for the garden and putting up a wire fence. Then, they got a chance to plant the plants. They planted a variety of vegetables and flowers including zinnias, marigolds, flower bulbs, zucchini, basil, tomatoes, pumpkins, gourds, and lettuce. Those plants produced a couple of tomatoes, tons of sunflowers, a gourd, a zinnia plant, and two marigold plants. The tomatoes were delicious, the flowers were beautiful and they are drying out a gourd right now to make a birdhouse. The garden was a success and they hope that other grades will get the chance to grow

things in there, too. If you would like a chance to see their garden before the winter, it is in front of the playground.



Naper Settlement Field Trip

by Shaneve Cal, 8th Grade

On October 6th the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders went to the outdoor history museum, Naper Settlement. When they got there, the boys had to line up in an all boys line and the girls had to line up in an all girls line. In every building they went to, the girls line entered first and the boys followed behind. One of the places they went to was the school. When everyone came in the school, they had to say "Good Morning Ma'am." Then, they had to read the rules from the board all at the same time. The kids had to sit up straight and there was no talking. When they stood, the boys had to bow and the girls had to curtsy. They also went to a mansion; it was the 1st mansion to have electricity. Also, in the mansion was a cool old telephone. One more thing, they met a blacksmith! A blacksmith is a person who makes tools and horseshoes. A fun fact is you had to be ten or older and a boy to learn to be a blacksmith during the settlement times. That field trip sounds really fun! I hope they have as much fun next year!

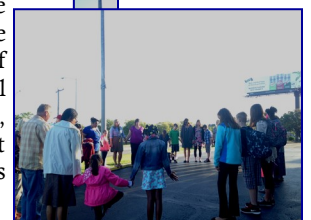


Konow's Field Trip

The CHS 1st Grade class went to Konow's Corn Maze on Thursday, October 8th, and a fun time was had by all! There are many other activities besides the corn maze. The fun includes both indoor and outdoor activities; you'll find an animal barn, indoor playland with their famous corn pits, a western town, trains, jumping pillows, a straw playground, hayrides, and of course, pumpkins! Mrs. McCartney, Mrs. Horsman, the chaperones and all the students really enjoyed their time at Konow's Corn Maze!



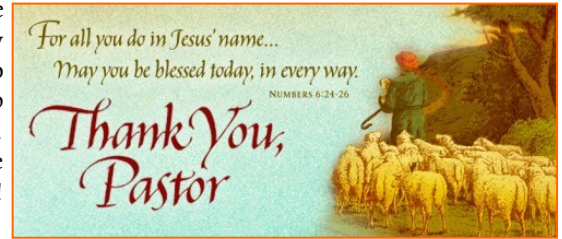
National *See You at the Pole* day took place on Wednesday, September 23, at CHS and all around the world. "SYATP" has been taking place for the last 25 years with the idea that God would intercede for the generation of students who come together in prayer. A small group of teenagers in Texas came up with this idea using Acts 1:14; "They all met together and were constantly UNITED in prayer" as their mission statement. Students, teachers, administration, pastors and parents all came to CHS bright and early to do just that. Please continue to pray for the school, students, community, and all the countless others during the school year.





you grow with Jesus. You can also pray with them that they will bring people to God. Last, you can give them a gift. Not all pastors are perfect and you shouldn't criticize them for some mistakes. Those are just a couple ways, let's see what you can think of!

by Gustavo Gamboa, 8th Grade



Blood Moon Eclipse

by Lin-Li Beadle, 8th Grade

A blood moon is sometimes used to describe a total lunar eclipse. Unlike solar eclipses, which require protective eye wear, a lunar eclipse can be viewed without specialized eyewear. A blood moon occurs when earth's shadow is red at the edges, for the same reason a sunset is red. When sunlight is scattered by passing through the earth's atmosphere, the other colors of the spectrum are removed. Total lunar eclipses are rare. The last lunar eclipse was in 1982; the next one won't be until 2033. In late September, I was fortunate enough to see the

total lunar eclipse (blood moon). My family and I watched the eclipse off and on that evening. The moon was so bright, that I even saw it shining through my bedroom window. This was such an incredible astronomical event; we could hear our neighbors talking about it because they were watching the blood moon as well. Watching the bright and beautiful moon become dark almost seemed as though we were watching some type of sci-fi movie. I was thinking how many more people throughout the world were able to see the blood moon. This was definitely one cool science experience.



October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and it is really important. There are many good reasons to adopt a dog from a shelter. Every year, an estimated 3-4 million animals are looking for their person. Sadly, if they don't get adopted, they are euthanized. You can be the hero they need by adopting one and giving them the home they need. Dogs are amazing, loyal, and heroic friends for life. They can make a huge difference in your world as a best friend or an exercise companion. Some can be trained to provide animal-assisted therapy and help those with issues they may face. Dogs can also simply be a fuzzy, friendly face to greet you after a hard day. Your local shelter is the place to go to find any breed, age, color, personality, or size that fits you. If you are

looking for something specific, I have seen legitimate special rescue sites that put one breed up for adoption. With so many dogs across the U.S. in shelters, many of them can't find their owner. But YOU can make a difference in one sad dog's life by giving them a loving home and a forever companion.

by Josie Brown, 7th Grade



Christian Music

by Michaela Gomez, 8th Grade



Good Good Father is a new single by Chris Tomlin that was released on October 2, 2015. The song was written by Pat Barrett and Tony Brown and is a very emotional song that shows God's love for all. When Chris Tomlin was a child, he was taught how to play guitar by his father. At the age of nine, he dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and when he turned 14, he wrote his first song of praise to the Lord. *Good Good Father* is good to listen to when you're in any mood. It is mainly about how Tony Brown grew up without a father and the only father he ever had was God. This song has a very incredible meaning to it and is a great song to listen to.

Book Reviews

by Julia Mooncotch, 8th Grade

The Selection is a great book set in the future. Kierra Cass wrote six books in this series. The Selection is about a girl named America; she's not your typical teenager. America, along with 34 other girls, is chosen to enter the selection where Prince Maxon will choose one of the girls as his wife. While entering the selection, America was still hopelessly in love with a boy named Aspen from her hometown. When Maxon and America first met, Maxon was already in love with her and her fiery red hair. Throughout the rest of the book, Maxon is eliminating other girls whom he doesn't have interest in and trying to get America. Meanwhile, America is stuck in a love triangle with Aspen, who is now a guard at the palace, and Maxon, the charming prince. Aside from the boys, America has several other situations to handle. The other girls in the competition would either be best friends or sabotaging one another. On top of all of that, the castle had several rebel attacks. America made many mistakes during her stay at the castle, but also some good choices. I would definitely recommend this book to almost any girl who loves a love story.



by Janielle Ford, 8th Grade

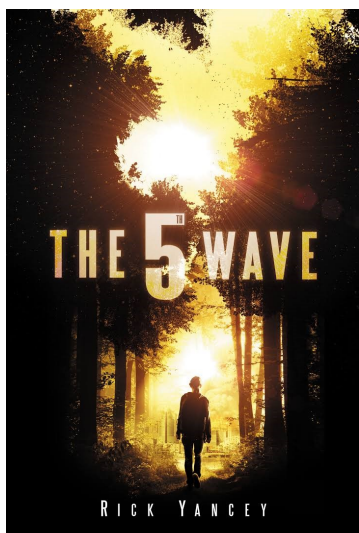
After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one.

Cassie Sullivan survived all four waves. With her mother and father dead and her six-year-old brother in a military camp eighty miles away; which by the way is run by the Others, the odds have not been in her favor.

Ben "Zombie" Parish had just gotten over the Red Death and was soon pushed into the world of war. Later, a boy, who was about six years old joins his training group. He causes trouble and repeatedly talks about his sister, Cassie. Zombie tries to convince the kid that his sister was probably dead but Sammy refuses to believe him.

This book series is perfect for anyone who loves *Divergent* or *The Hunger Games* or just dystopian plot lines in general. There is a bit of a romance brewing but it isn't the major part of the story. I would recommend this story for 12+ year-olds and is a great read overall. *The 5th Wave* movie will be in theaters January 15, 2016. Until next time, here's a teaser for *The Infinite Sea*, the second book in The 5th Wave Series.

Surviving the first four waves was nearly impossible. Now Cassie Sullivan finds herself in a new world, a world in which the fundamental trust that binds us together is gone. As the 5th Wave rolls across the landscape, Cassie, Ben, and Ringer are forced to confront the Others' ultimate goal: the extermination of the human race.



Movie Reviews



The Scorch Trials was an amazing book and movie. It is a sequel of to the popular movie and book *The Maze Runner*. The movie stars Dylan O'Brien and is based on the book is by James Dashner. It takes places after finally defeating the maze; they have to go through many more difficult trials. Thomas and his friends are trying to make the right decisions through these trials and trying to figure out who is on his side. I encourage students to first read the book and then watch the movie when you are older; so 4th grade and up because the movie is rated PG-13. It is still a fantastic movie and I encourage people to watch it!

by Delaney Lewis, 8th Grade



The movie *Minions* was a thrilling comedy for both kids and families. Although it is rated PG for action and rude humor, it is permissible for all ages. The movie tells the story of the minions before working for Gru. These creatures have gone rogue in silliness. This movie delivers all the aspects of comedies into one movie. These lovable creatures are always in fights over the funniest things, such as bananas. If you haven't seen this movie, I recommend buying it on DVD. This number 1 rated movie in North America was definitely worth the rating.

by Brynden Cleveland, 7th Grade



The Journey Within

An original continuing story by Hope Shapiro, 8th Grade & Ciara Shefts, 7th Grade



Joe and Taylor were sitting outside looking through the telescope at the Northern Lights. It was usually a cool night in Kentucky, but this night was somewhat different. Joe noticed that his 14-year-old twin sister was a little nervous about the difference in the weather. "You alright sis?" asked Joe in a worried tone. "Yeah, its just that the stars were supposed to align in a diamond shape, but they're not."

Taylor was a genius; she won the science fair 3 years in a row. She was not only the captain of the math team, but one of the

most popular girls in school. Joe was your typical athlete. He participated in soccer, gymnastics, football, baseball, lacrosse, and basketball. Joe had thick blond hair, and the biggest blue eyes. He had dimples on both sides of his cheeks. Taylor had golden brown hair down to the middle of her back. She had hazel eyes and freckles on the tops of her cheeks and nose.

Together they were sitting under the stars experiencing history when a meteor came and hit the ground a half-mile away from them. The radiation of the explosion was massive. This radiation gave Joe and Taylor super powers! Joe experienced super strength, speed, and the power of flight. Taylor received telekinesis, invisibility, and teleportation. Together they were unstoppable, but they didn't know what was to come...



Verse of the Month

Be patient, then, brothers until the Lord is coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. James 5:7

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