



# READ IT AND WEEP

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever.”

Psalm 107:1

## MRS. SMITH



The music teacher, Mrs. Kristy Smith, is our head director for the

school play. She has been involved in different types of plays for most of her life. However, this year is only her second year of directing. Last year’s Comedy Night was hilarious, but this year’s play has taken a different approach. Mrs. Smith has given her students the opportunity to direct a series of short films. She has given her students the chance to not only direct and act, but choose their own theme. These plays will be performed at this year’s Christmas program on December 7.

By Jerry

## RECYCLING

Around the world, tons of materials are wasted everyday. Our environment and economy is suffering because of these actions. This is why recycling is extremely important for our economy. Three weeks ago, the sophomore class decided to start a recycling program. There is a box located in every classroom and one in the gym. Please help the sophomores make a difference in the world. Big change starts small.



By Essence

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The varsity girls basketball team consists of nine players: freshmen: Jenna Constant and Dayana Esparza; sophomores: Kaitlyn Foutz, Katelyn Landkrohn, and Tierra Ceaser; juniors: Charlene Humber and Tiffany Ceaser; and seniors: Caitlyn Disterheft and Rachel MaCray. The girls played their first game on Saturday, November 11. This was a tournament held at Covenant Christian School. The Lady Patriots took third place after a close loss to Heritage Christian School. The girls varsity coach, Mike Diehl told me that his goals for his team this season are, “I want to have each individual improve on their skill set and then to use those skills as a whole each time we take the court. I want our opponents to worry each time they see our name on the schedule.” The Lady Patriots are working hard and hope to have a great season.



By Tiffany

## ALUMNI UPDATE

Alex Constant graduated two years ago with the class of 2016. The fall after graduation, Alex joined Life Action Ministries. He travels as part of the ministry division of Life Action that brings revival to local churches all over the country. Alex is a member of the group’s band and works in the kids ministry. He continues to travel with Life Action and is also enrolled in Liberty University and plans to major in music ministries.

By Josh

**Did You Know:** in Oklahoma it is illegal to take a bite out of someone else’s hamburger

# NICK RIPOLI

This quarter CCS welcomed a new athletic director to our staff, Nick Ripoli. His interview with Noah follows:

## How did you become the athletic director?

I became the athletic director through conversations I had with Mr. Obinger. We met a few times and we both decided that it would be the best fit going forward!

## What are your goals for each team at CCS?

JH- Winning record for all the teams at this level, and I hope to see some players ready to compete for varsity minutes next year JV- Also a winning record but to be working as hard as possible to prepare for a much larger role next season.

Varsity Girls- Continue to progress. This is such a good team and I hope that they bring home a lot of trophies this season. Varsity Guys- Another case where we have a really strong team. I can't wait to see what this team does this year. I want this team to win the HB tournament, and I want them to be the first state champions we have.

## Did you go to CCS and how did you enjoy your time here?

I did go to CCS and I loved my time here. It is a very special place, and it prepared me well for the next stage of life.

## What made you take the job as the athletic director for CCS?

I love sports and this was the perfect opportunity to be back at a place that I love a lot. Being able to be around athletes and students all day is also a blast!

## Favorite Memory at CCS?

Winning the HB tournament and making it to semi-state twice!

By Noah

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 7**  
Christmas Program
- **December 8**  
JHb Hammond Baptist Tournament
- **December 9**  
JHa Romeoville Tournament
- **December 16**  
FOFCA Tournament
- **December 18-20**  
Exams
- **December 21-January 2**  
Christmas Break
- **January 10**  
Report Cards Mailed
- **January 12**  
Homecoming
- **January 15**  
No School (MLK Day)
- **January 19-20**  
Patriot Winter Classic Tournament
- **January 23**  
Family Night at Mod Pizza



# THOUGHTS ON LIFE



The words that we say matter in our lives. As people, we need to be careful about what we do and make right choices every day. We can't be scared to do anything; instead be brave and take a risk (even if it's a big one). People have plenty of questions to ask all the time. Ask questions if you have any, no question is ever a dumb question. When you want something, you have to strive for it if you really crave it. Whatever you're trying hard on, if, in the end, it's not working out, then maybe it's time to move on. But don't ever give up just because times are hard in your life. Keep pushing yourself on what you believe is true in your mind.

By Bobby

**Did You Know: All animals dream too.**

# THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a time for families to come together and thank God for what He gave us. We all see Thanksgiving in different ways, and we all celebrate it in different ways. All families create memories about Thanksgiving that they will never forget. I asked ten people about their plans for this holiday.

**Brian Knight**- "Having the family over for Thanksgiving dinner and to watch football".

**Mrs. Landkrohn**- Having my family coming in town for a couple of days to enjoy Thanksgiving together.

**Emily Kelding**- "I'm going to two of my aunt's house for a Thanksgiving Dinner".

**Nataly Feliciano**- "My family is going to Rochester New York with my grandma, grandpa, tios, tias, and cousins to go spend it with my tio that lives over there".

**Tiffany Ceaser**- "My family is coming over to my house, and my dad and mom are going to cook".

**Josh Constant**- "Probably going to my grandma's for dinner".

**Mrs. Perry**- "My parents are coming from Ohio with their new greyhound. We will be having Thanksgiving dinner at my daughter-in-law's house".

**Mrs. Baessler**- "Helping out at a homeless shelter in the morning and then having Thanksgiving dinner at my house.

**Santos Olivero**- "I am going to spend Thanksgiving with family, we are having a feast and hopefully it goes well".

**Donald Hall**- "Just spending time with the fam. You know eat some good food.

By Sam



# MRS. CZEPINSKI

Art class is still pretty new to Calumet Christian School, and so is its teacher, Ms. Czepinski. In an interview with Ms. Czepinski, I asked her a few questions about her journey in art and her vision for the school's program. She started dabbling with art in kindergarten, because of her love for colors. As she got older, art became her escape from the world, but when she committed her life to Christ she started using her skills to reflect a character of God. Today, when she's not sharing her passion in the classroom, Ms. Czepinski shares it with home school students ranging from five to sixteen year olds in her own home. On her personal time she tries to do as much art as she can, to learn and improve upon her skills as a artist. In fact, in the month of April an art show in Valparaiso, Indiana will be held featuring Ms. Czepinski own watercolor paintings!

Ms. Czepinski has plans for the future of art in the school. Her goal is to give the school the ability to offer art every year. With each year, starting from seventh grade, students will touch on different art mediums, so by their senior year they'll have experience in many different mediums. Since the juniors and seniors will be here for only 1 or 2 more years, Ms. Czepinski has special things planned for them such as messing around with clay and some outdoor painting! Ms. Czepinski wants to teach her students that "what ever you do, whether it be reading, writing, math or sports, just be passionate about it and learn all there is to learn about it and have fun."



By Malcolm

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Once upon a time there was a kingdom called Nowhere. Everyone in the kingdom of Nowhere was anonymous. Nobody knew each other, no one even had a name. They only found joy in random articles posted on their school newspaper. Everyone was talented at making articles about complete nonsense. That is all everyone ever did.

By Anonymous

**Did You Know:** No word in the English language rhymes with month