



## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. HALTOM

October is a favorite month for many. It delivers crisp hoodie weather, much needed relaxing fall break, gooey toasted marshmallows over a bonfire, and the tricks and treats of Halloween. October is also rich with many incredible events and opportunities at CCHS. Hopefully, by this time in the year you have had a chance to get into some sort of routine and plug in to many of these events. Homecoming is a great time to celebrate with friends and enjoy Friday night lights while supporting the Eagles! We also have students in soccer, volleyball, cross country, and golf who are representing us so well. I know all of them would appreciate your support. After fall break, clubs will begin meeting, and there is a wide variety for students. The cooler weather is also a great time to snuggle up and dive into a good book, so check out this month's Project Lit selection, [Dear Martin](#). If you are looking for something new and different to try, sign up for the afterschool program. You can work on skills you need in class, ACT, and other activities with a variety of our best teachers. In short, FALL into one of these many opportunities and enjoy the best of what October and CCHS have to offer.



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# HOMECOMING 2020

## BY DANIELLE BREWER AND MK MILLER

Homecoming 2020 looked a little different this year due to COVID, but two traditions were still alive and well: hallway decorating and dress-up days.

The hallway decorating tradition originally started out as just decorating classroom doors. At some point between 2000-2002, the classes started decorating the hallways. Misty Bishop-Brewer, a 2002 graduate, told me her senior class's hallway design was "Welcome to the Jungle." She said, "We had duck blind material hanging from the ceiling with vines everywhere. We had plastic snakes and animals stuck up in the ceiling, and we played jungle sounds on a CD player in between classes. It was a masterpiece!" She also added that they had so much hanging from the ceiling that it actually had bent the metal bars!

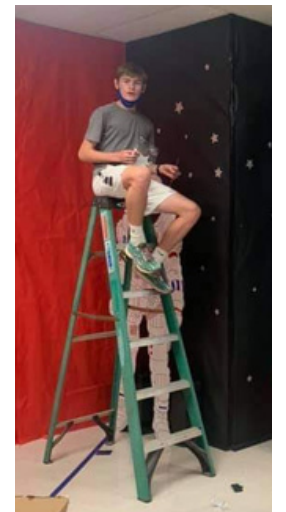
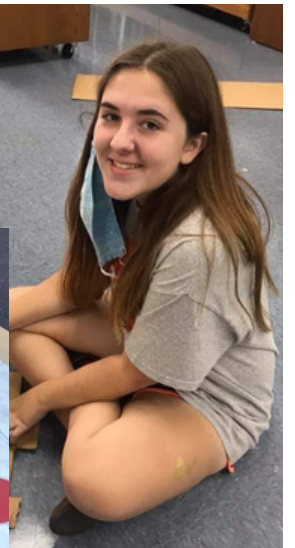
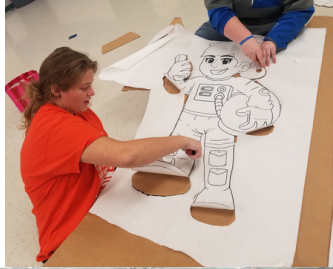
This year, the classes definitely didn't disappoint. The Seniors' theme was "Tomorrowland" and they offered a glimpse into the future with the spectacular futuristic design! Senior President Rachel Hibbett, said they chose their theme due to the symbolism. Since this is their last year in high school, they wanted to focus on the future. They also honored the memory of Kaylee Daniel, Cayla Lenon, Roselyn Roberts, and Brie Rowland in a photo display.

The Junior class blasted into orbit and zoomed into the cosmos with their space-themed decor. Junior class President Caraline Rogers, said that they wanted a uniquely interesting theme that they could put together in a time crunch, but that still allowed room for them to showcase their own individuality. Their hallway featured a memorial wall for Kaylee Daniel.

The Sophomores paraded a new circus act into the hallways with their theme: "The Greatest Showman." Acrobats, elephants, and Zac Efron--oh my! Who doesn't love a good circus performance in between classes? Class president Xavier Falkenheim said, "A lot of work went into it. It represents how even though we're very diverse, we are united, just like in the movie. They are different but united." Their quad decorations included a reminder to "Pray for Kristen."

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# HOMECOMING 2020

## BY DANIELLE BREWER AND MK MILLER

The Freshmen were feeling sort of retro this year and chose to do a 1950s diner theme with a focus on music from the decade. Crank the jukebox up! This aesthetic is a real "treat." Class president Daisy McManus said, "It's all about diners, jukeboxes, and rock-n-roll." Their decor included lots of neat details such as homecoming-themed menus and even barstools with "Class of 2024" on the seats.

This school tradition of dressing up has been going on for over 40 years and has always been a favorite among students and teachers. One CCHS alumnus, Tonya Clayton, says that her homecoming days back in the 1970s included 50s Day, Military Day, Hobo/Mismatched Day, and Western Day. Blue and White Day is also a long-standing CCHS tradition, dating back four decades.

The Student Council decides the dress up days every year. This year the themes were Decades Day, Western/USA Day, Blue and White Day, and Class T-Shirt Day. CCHS students showed excitement about their dress-up days. Lawson Young said, "I think it's a really good idea for homecoming. I also like the blue and white day to show school spirit."

Katie Lovelace agreed and said it "shows our Eagle Pride." Josh Wade thinks Class T-Shirt Day is the best because "it shows that all of the individual classes come together to show unity." Some students have ideas for future dress-up days that the Student Council might consider.

"Fashion show day," said Haley Heenan. "Have everyone dress like they are walking down a runway, and they can interpret it however they want. I think it'd be so neat to see how far people will go with that."

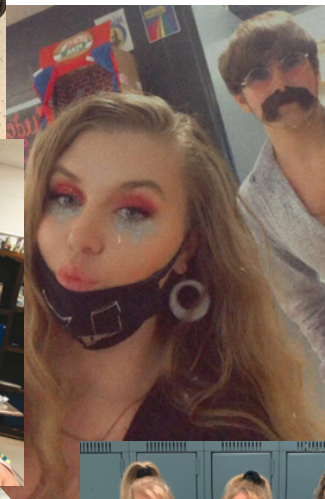
Students were especially creative with Decades Day this year, with costumes dating all the way back to Biblical times! Western/USA Day saw a sea of cowboy boots and red, white, and blue. Class t-shirts were on display Wednesday, and Thursday everyone showed their CCHS spirit with our school colors.



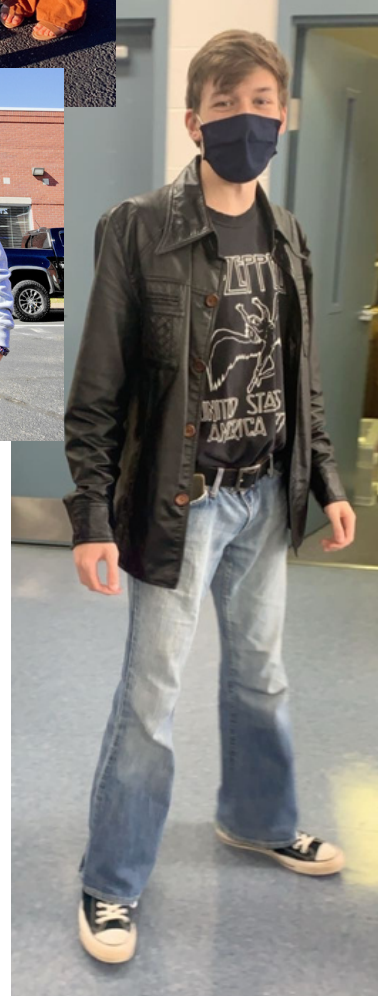
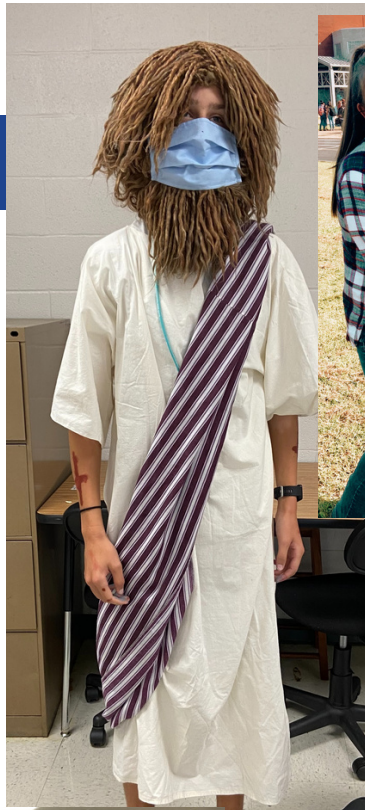
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## CCHS CLUB NEWS

### BY STEPHANIE GUITERREZ

A big congratulations to the 64 new members of the **CCHS National Beta Club**, bringing membership to a total of 147 students. These members had to meet strict academic requirements, have exemplary behavior records and pay dues. New members will be inducted at a ceremony at a later date.

Mr. Haltom has created a **CCHS Film Club**. This organization will provide an amazing opportunity for its members as they are introduced to the film industry. Students will look at different mediums, including feature length, short film, and web-based productions. They will look at the process of making a film - pre-production (script writing, location scouting, casting, etc), production (acting, filming, sound), and post-production (editing, distribution). Members of the club will participate in acting workshops, scene studies, script writing exercises, and will learn the process of putting a film together. It is the ultimate goal to shoot a short film in the spring of next year. Mr. Haltom is working with an award-winning filmmaker on a script for the club to film. Members will perform all of the jobs in shooting the film.

If anyone is interested in joining the **Criminal Justice Club**, make sure to pay \$20 dollars to Mr. Swain.

Please let us know if your club has news you'd like featured in our next issue.

## STAR STUDENTS LEND A HAND



The STAR students have started a new service to help faculty and staff at CCHS. On Fridays, teachers are asked to place their blue recycling bins in the hallway. The STAR students will empty the bins into the larger recycling bins for pickup by the solid waste department. This extra help is appreciated since it saves teachers time and energy.

# CHESTER COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## BY STEPHANIE GUITERREZ



The Henderson County livestock shows were held recently in Lexington at First Farmers Coop. Sydney Cherry, 9th grade student at Chester County High School in 4-H and FFA won Reserve Grand Champion in the Hereford show. She had two heifers, and they both won their class. Sydney has been working hard all summer with her calves. She is responsible for their daily care, which involves feeding, watering, and keeping their hair groomed. Cherry will be competing in Decaturville for her last show of

2020. How do you get involved in 4-H here in Chester County? Give your local UT Extension office in Chester County a call at 989-2103 for more details.

## FFA GIVES BACK

The FFA recently celebrated their very successful mum sale and the election of this year's officers. After great struggle and consideration of many students for officer positions, the following were chosen to lead the FFA this school year: Tyler Pierce, President; Caleb Arnold, Vice President; Aja Stovall, Secretary; Madison Woofter, Treasurer; Eli Newsom, Reporter; and Will Kemp, Sentinel.



The FFA recently sold mums that were grown right here at CCHS. The top three sellers were Eli Newsom, Madison Woofter, and Austin Vest. The top selling class was Mrs. Crouse's 6th period AgScience class which sold a total of 92 mums. A portion of the sale of pink mums was donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of breast cancer awareness. FFA President Tyler Pierce presented a \$300 check to Mrs. Amy Morris with ACS.



## PROJECT LIT BY SCARLETT WEBB

Are you ready to get LIT? LITerature, that is! Project LIT is a national network of book clubs whose goal is to get students excited about reading by highlighting diverse, high-interest, culturally-relevant books.

Project LIT was brought to CCHS by English teacher Leigh Ann Skaggs. Mrs. Skaggs says, "I hope that Project Lit will encourage more students to read and

give students a place to connect about real issues that they face. The books we choose will be about topics that matter to students, and we hope that students find them both interesting and relatable.



September's book was Born A Crime by Trevor Noah. Mrs. Skaggs says she chose this book because Project LIT chapters all across the country were reading it at the same time. "We wanted to be able to start networking with other Project LIT sponsors for resources and ideas," she says.

The club met for the first time in the library on September 30th at 7:30 AM. Donuts, juice, and coffee were served. Eight students and several teachers were in attendance and spent time discussing the book and their thoughts about Trevor Noah and his story of growing up in South Africa during apartheid. The book takes its name from Noah being born to a black mother and white father, which was illegal at the time. His birth was literally a crime. Project LIT member Rachel Pierce said, "I loved the book, and I felt like I learned a lot from it. It really opened my eyes to racism back then and today. Even though in the book apartheid ended it never truly did because people are still judged by the color of their skin. The book held my interest the entire time, and I would 100% recommend it to anyone."

Anyone is welcome to join Project LIT. The meeting this month was cheerful, warm, and friendly. October's book is *Dear Martin*, a story about a young man who finds himself the victim of racial profiling. Books are available to check out from the library.

## WORD WISE

BY DANIELLE BREWER

With Halloween right around the corner, what bone-chilling word would describe October better than sepulcher? A sepulcher (sometimes spelled sepulchre) is a small room or monument cut into rock or built of stone that is used for burials. In Edgar Allan Poe's creepy love poem, "Annabel Lee," he writes,

*For the moon never beams, without bringing me dreams  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side  
Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride,  
In her sepulchre there by the sea—  
In her tomb by the sounding sea.*



## TWO-SENTENCE SPOOKY STORY CONTEST

Thank you to everyone who submitted a short, spooky tale this month. The competition was close, but we are excited to announce our winners! To keep the contest fair, judging was conducted by a panel of faculty and other members of the community. Some submissions were disqualified due to plagiarism.

### 3rd Place

I awoke to the sound of screaming in my ears and demonic red eyes in my line of sight. I have been blind and deaf since birth. (Emma Grace McGaughy)

### 2nd Place

Mom had always told me to never talk to strangers. I never understood why when that's how I met her. (Morgan Holman)

### 1st Place and gift card winner

I locked eyes with myself in the mirror. My eyes aren't blue and I don't remember smiling like that. (Haley Heenan)

**Congratulations! Stay tuned for more contests in the near future!**



# CHAM"BOO" BASH AND FUN RUN

## BY AMERIAH ROSE



The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Halloween fun run on October 29 at Gene Record Park. Check in for the fun run is 6 PM. As part of the festivities, there will be a costume contest for participants. The judging at 6:30 and the fun run starts at 7:00. Prizes will be awarded for best boy and girl costume for the kids and best male and female for teens/adults. There will also be prizes for the best family costume and pet costume, as well. Director Emily Johnson says that she and her team are

“excited about this outdoor event where local residents can gather safely and still have some fun this fall with our friends and neighbors.” Johnson added, “We look forward to seeing everyone at the Cham"BOO" Bash!” Participants who pre-register by Friday, October 16 will receive a free t-shirt. The cost to register is \$25 for ages 16 and over, \$15 for 15 and under, and free for children under 3. For more information, call 989-5222 or check out the event page on Facebook.





# VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A FURRY FRIEND

## BY JADEN FRAME

The Henderson Animal Shelter is actually a city pound, not a true shelter. It is run by one city employee and a few volunteers. There are only 5 kennels/runs. They used to be a high-kill shelter but due to volunteers working hard to find homes, they rarely (if ever) have to euthanize an animal. Current adoption fees are \$37, but if a dog is spayed or neutered within 30 days of adoption, there is a \$25 refund.

Janice Morris is a local volunteer who also runs the “Friends of Henderson of City Animal Control” page on Facebook. This page is where pictures are posted of available dogs, which allows people to share and assist with adoption. Over the past few years, local residents have pushed for improvements to the pound since it is very small and limited on resources. She says that change is on the way. “There are LOTS of improvements coming. We've gotten a new room air conditioner and a new hot water heater was donated and installed. A fencing company has been by to estimate for building a large play/meet-and-greet area for the dogs. Plans are to repair or replace the five kennel runs and install flap strips to cover the entry from outside kennel to inside. The roof will be examined and possibly replaced with a metal roof. The building will be pressured washed in preparation for painting inside and out. Plans are to also add a mural to provide a bit of curb appeal. We are hoping that all of this can be accomplished before weather becomes an issue, if not it will be finished as soon as possible next spring.”

For those who are interested in volunteering, there are opportunities. Morris said, “We have volunteers to help walk the dogs and socialize them. In summer months, we walk early mornings due to heat. Currently we are walking about 10 AM and as winter approaches, it will be around noon or 1 PM.” She said if any students would like to volunteer walking, cleaning, or socializing the dogs after school, arrangements can be made. Those who are interested may contact Morris through the Facebook page or email her at [morris\\_janice@bellsouth.net](mailto:morris_janice@bellsouth.net)

### **PLUTO**

Young but not too rambunctious. He walks well on leash. Loves everybody! Could you love him? He needs a home!





## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY LYDIA CHUMLEY AND BROOKE THOMAS

In this month's Senior Spotlight, we are featuring seniors Rayna Lynch and Austin Vest



Rayna Lynch is a member of FFA, Beta, and National Honor Society. She is also a football and basketball cheerleader, and her favorite memories of her time at CCHS include cheering at games. Rayna will miss homecoming and pep rallies the most. She will also miss Coach Sheets and Mr. Johnson (and Harold the Science Duck). After graduation, Rayna plans to attend Jackson State. Her advice to underclassmen is, "Enjoy high school while you can; it flies by so fast. Make lots of memories."

*Class of*  
**2021**

Austin Vest is involved in many of CCHS' extracurricular activities, such as Band, FBLA, and Beta. He is also a student volunteer for local elections. His favorite high school memory is his freshman year when he and his friends dressed up as Mr. Patel for Character Day. After graduating, Austin plans on attending UT Martin to study chemistry and minor in education to be a chemistry teacher while he works on getting his Master's degree. He credits two teachers for helping him discover his career path: "I'd like to shout out Mr. Andrew Johnson for helping me find my passion for Chemistry," Austin said, "and Mr. Patel for showing me that teaching can be fun" He says he will miss all of his great friends and all of the amazing teachers he has met. He advises underclassmen to "enjoy the easy years while you can. High School isn't as bad as you put it out to be."



## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

BY ELIZABETH DUCK



This month we are featuring junior Brenna Baughman. Brenna has a 3.822 GPA and is involved in many extracurricular activities such as band, Beta, NEHS, and Student Health Council. Her favorite classes are art and English Comp 1, though she says it is also her most challenging class along with her dual enrollment American History I course. Brenna believes students can be successful if they “always study, get work done on time, and don’t be afraid to ask for help.” After graduation, she plans to be a special F/X makeup artist for television and movies.

Brenna shared a quote that inspires her from Rainer Maria Rilke: “Let everything happen to you/ Beauty and terror/ Just keep going/ No feeling is final.”

## OUR SHINING "STAR"

BY CHARLI SWAIN

This month's shining STAR is Breana Tole. Breana comes to school everyday, where she loves to learn new things and to see her friends. Her favorite thing to learn about is math and life skills. Breana loves her favorite teachers, Ms. Bennett and Coach Coleraine. She also loves to dance and sing and everyday she smiles because of her favorite person--Justin Bieber. Breana also makes everyone around her smile with her energy and positive attitude. She says she wishes everyone knew that she “is very sweet and kind and loves to have fun.” Thank you, Breana, for making CCHS a brighter place with your smile and your joy. You are truly a shining STAR!





# TEACHER OF THE MONTH

## INTERVIEW BY BRIANNA ARROYO

Our CCHS Teacher of the Month is Señor Josh Moore. This is Mr. Moore's 4th year teaching at CCHS, where he teaches Spanish 1 and 2.

Mr. Moore believes a good teacher is someone who "shows patience and compassion for students but who also can uphold high expectations of what students can do." He says, "Obviously they need to be good communicators and caring people in general." Teaching is a career that is both rewarding and challenging. "In the long term," Mr. Moore says, "watching students grow into successful young adults is very fulfilling. In the short term, seeing a lesson really click with students, especially students who may have had trouble previously, is rewarding." He says that with some students, that "click" is more difficult. "It is hardest for me to reach someone whose mind is stuck in its ways," he says. "It takes a special enthusiasm and grace to do that, and a lot of emotional energy. Learning is a two-way street, and try as I might, I can't learn something for someone." As is often true, Mr. Moore was inspired to teach by other teachers in his life. He says, "These extraordinary people showed me that my true success and joy isn't measured in things like money or fame, but in every person whose potential I have helped grow. When he's not in class, Mr. Moore devotes time to other interests, especially to what he jokingly calls "old people music." "I love music. I play the piano, French horn, and sing a little. It is my way of decompressing." Aside from Spanish, Mr. Moore says he can speak Ubbi Dubbi and a little Cricket, neither of which have ever been useful to him.



**SUBURBAN  
FAIRY TALES**  
BY FRANCES BONNET



## CTE SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW

### BY BROOKLYN RUSH



CCHS is fortunate to have many career and technical programs of study. Senior Madison Hopper is our CTE Spotlight student this month. Madison has excelled in the health sciences program here at CCHS where she says, "I learn life and professional skills that will help me in my career as a nurse." She says that she has learned how to do vital signs and is now CPR certified. Madison says that her teacher, Mrs. Ginger McPherson, has influenced her. Mrs. McPherson actually nominated Madison this month. She stated,

"Madison has been instrumental in getting the HOSA membership off and running. With currently 90 members, Madison has worked hard and created the membership list as well as compiling a service project list. Madison is involved in the Medical Reserve Corp Partnership and has competed and won at state along with other team members for the past three years. Madison is always willing to help and volunteer her time. She recently worked the HOSA blood drive and donated blood." Madison is also involved in multiple extracurricular activities including Beta, HOSA, and National Honors Society. After graduation, she plans to attend college at Union University to obtain a degree in nursing. She states, "I plan to become a neonatal nurse at Jackson General."

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

### BY EMMA GILBERT

Eleanor Roosevelt was an American political figure, diplomat, and activist. She served as the First Lady of the United States during her husband's four terms in office, making her the longest-serving First Lady of the United States.

How might this quote inspire you to get out of your comfort zone? Maybe you would like to make new friends? Ask more questions in class?

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

Eleanor  
Roosevelt



# GOOD HUMAN AWARD

BY KATIE LOVELACE



We have some students here at CCHS who are admired by both their peers and their teachers. They have positive attitudes, are hard workers, and are often involved in different aspects of school life and their community. They're what we at The Wingspan simply call a "good human." We hope to recognize some of these students each month. October's Good Human Award belongs to junior Zane Bolton. Zane has a 4.0 GPA and wants to attend college where he'll most likely pursue a career

in the field of business, engineering, or athletics. Zane is one of the captains of the CCHS basketball team and tries to lead by example both on and off the court. He is involved in Beta, National English Honors Society, Student Health Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Mu Alpha Theta. Zane participates in various community service projects with Beta Club and Student Health Council. He also referees youth basketball games.

Zane's favorite classes are College Algebra with Coach Showers (which is also one of his most challenging classes along with English Comp I) and US History with Coach Callis. His accounting teacher, Mr. Brendan Clayton, was one of several who nominated Zane this month. Mr. Clayton says, "Being a first year instructor certainly has its challenges. There are some days you need that extra bit of 'excitement' or even participation in class. Zane is that to a T. He always comes prepared to class [and] asks probing questions, and he is always ready to go when called upon. Zane is an excellent student." Mrs. Ally Rogers also nominated Zane. "If you googled an image for the word integrity, you just might see Zane Bolton's face pop up," she writes. "I believe this word best describes Zane's all around good human qualities. Zane is admired by his classmates and teammates not just because of his outstanding academic achievements and athletic abilities but also because of his strong work ethic, his strong moral convictions and his level of respect and genuineness to all students."

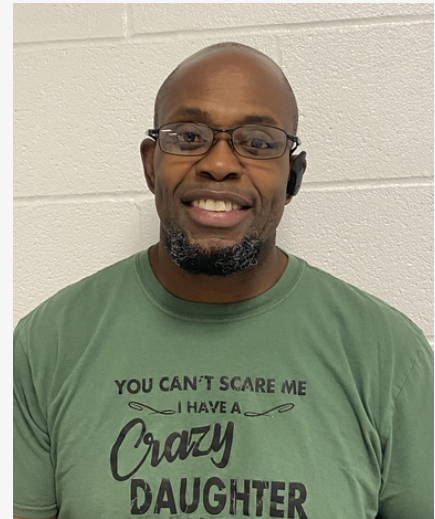
Zane draws his life philosophy from the book of Colossians in the Bible: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Zane told me, "God bless CCHS, and may we all strive for our best and prioritize the things that truly matter."

## CCHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### BY PEYTON GRISWELL

This month we'd like to recognize a very important part of our CCHS staff, Mr. Julius Cole (also known as JC). This is Mr. Cole's third year as a custodian here at the high school .

While keeping his areas as clean as possible and keeping up with what the teachers need done is often challenging, he says, "I enjoy seeing the smiles from all of the students and staff members." Mr Cole enjoys being part of the CCHS family and says, "I feel like I have finally found a place where I belong. I feel like there is a strong bond here." Mr. Cole also



owns an auto detail business which keeps him very busy when he's not at school. Despite his schedule, he makes time for his family. He enjoys spending time with his wife and four outstanding children who keep him very busy. He says, "I love to watch them interact with each other." They spend much of their free time fishing.

Thank you for all you do here at CCHS to keep our school running smoothly and looking its best. We appreciate you!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### BY BROOKLYN RUSH

- Americans spend about \$90.00 each on Halloween every year.
- This year will be the first Halloween in 19 years to have a full moon
- Candy corn was originally called "chicken feed."
- The fastest pumpkin carving lasted 16.47 seconds.
- 100 years ago, Halloween festivities focused more on finding a husband than on getting candy.

## COMIC CORNER

### BY SCARLETT WEBB





## COACHES' CORNER

COMPILED BY DANIEL BALDINI

Coach Susan Humphrey - "The CCHS girls Volleyball team has had a very successful season so far. The girls have worked hard to be undefeated in their district and are currently the number 1 seed going into the district tournament. I hope to have a good showing at district tournament and hopefully continue further into the postseason!"



Coach Ginger McPherson - "The CCHS girls Golf team completed their first 2020 season. We'd like to recognize two seniors. Ava Cox and Kennedy Holman have played the last three years and have been an asset to the team each year. Ava Cox moved on from the district tournament for the last two years to participate in the regional tournament. Not only did they succeed with golf, but they succeeded academically as well. We will miss these two in the coming years but we wish them well and hope they continue to love the game of golf."

Coach Stephanie Hatch - "CCHS ran at Huntingdon on October 1st. Anna Bolton placed 36th for the girls. Carter Welch placed first for the boys with a time of 17:05, followed by Tucker Allen, Garret Robinson, Stewart Brown, and Cade Thompson with a time of 18:06! They took 1st place with the lowest score of 54 points."

On October 3rd, the top 7 CCHS XC boys ran this at the Jesse Owens Classic in Alabama, competing against teams from Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida. The boys placed 19th of 50 teams and had an average team time of 17:55. Tucker Allen and Carter Welch both ran sub 17 minutes and Garrett Robison ran sub 18. They represented Chester Co and Tennessee well!



# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

BY HUNTER PERRY

This month we feature Senior Dalton Colbert. Dalton has been a member of the Chester County High School Golf team all four of his years at CCHS. He has played golf since he was a kid. Dalton says his motivation while playing is "probably just competing, trying to beat everyone I'm playing against." Winning isn't everything, though, since he says the most rewarding part of golf that he can have fun with his friends. Dalton believes attitude plays a big part in being a good teammate, especially "helping others become better and staying positive." Even though their team was very young this year, Dalton feels that they made progress and came a long way. Dalton's says his models as an athlete are Kobe Bryant and Tiger Woods.



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## CCHS SOCCER PLAYERS AND COACH HONORED

The CCHS Girls Soccer team began their season with both excitement and heavy hearts. While the ladies were ready to compete, it was another reminder that three teammates would not be taking the field with them: Roselyn Roberts, Kaylee Daniel, and Kristen Daniel. Coach Jason Judd has also been undergoing treatment for cancer. In a display of both kindness and sportsmanship, two local schools honored the memory of Roselyn and Kaylee and recognized Kristen and Coach Judd as they each fight their own battle. When the team arrived at South Gibson on September 8th, they were greeted by signs bearing the names and numbers of all three girls and a “#teamjudd” sign in honor of their coach. Two weeks later, McNairy Central honored all four, as well as Cayla Lenon, who also passed away.

McNairy coach Jerry Lott had cheerleader Haven Gray prepare signs with the names. Though McNairy hadn't won a game against CCHS since 2009, Coach Jerry Lott was focused on compassion more than competition. Both South Side High School and Madison Academic have also paid their respects. In addition to signs, players from the different schools have also brought cards and flowers.



# #CCSTRONG



# GOBLIN, GHOUL, OR GREMLIN?

## BY HALEY HEENAN

Are You a Goblin, Ghoul, or Gremlin? Because, let's face it, you and I both know you're one of them.

1. Which of these sounds most appealing to you?
  - a. Trick or Treating
  - b. Walking through a cemetery
  - c. Wearing an elaborate costume
2. Which of these do you value the most?
  - a. Food
  - b. Relationships
  - c. Material things/money
3. Which of these is your worst habit?
  - a. Eating too much
  - b. Spending too much time inside
  - c. Impulse buying
4. Pick one:
  - a. Stars
  - b. Moon
  - c. Sun
5. Pick your favorite teacher:
  - a. Señor Moore
  - b. Mr. Johnson
  - c. Mrs. Hatch
6. Which of these can you not stand about others?
  - a. Taking your things without permission
  - b. Interrupting you/invading your personal time
  - c. When someone reorganizes your things without asking you
7. Where is the best place to get cookies?
  - a. Walmart/fast food places
  - b. Girl Scouts
  - c. From your friend's house

### **Results: (NO PEEKING!)**

Mostly A's: Gremlin

Mostly B's: Ghoul

Mostly C's: Goblin

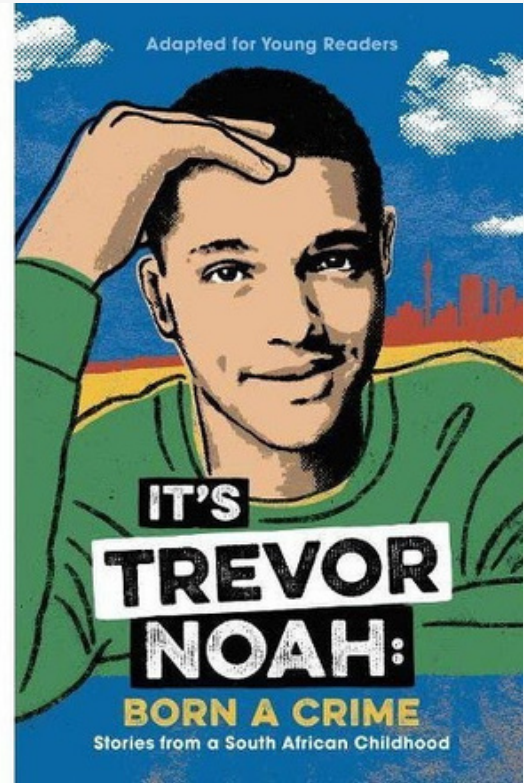
Tie? You're a "Monster Mash" ;)





## BOOK REVIEW: BORN A CRIME

Born a Crime begins with a young Trevor Noah being thrown from a car by his mother. From those first pages, his story is both funny and tragic as reflects on his childhood in South Africa during the horrors of apartheid. Noah, the host of the Daily Show on Comedy Central, is the child of a white, European father and a black, South-African mother. Growing up as a mixed child in a country where interracial relationships were illegal was challenging and often dangerous. Trevor had to be hidden away, his mother often being forced to pretend she didn't know him. Though Trevor's story features many hardships and tragedies, he approaches it all with both humor and honesty. If you need a book to read over fall break, I recommend this compelling memoir.



## THE GALLERY

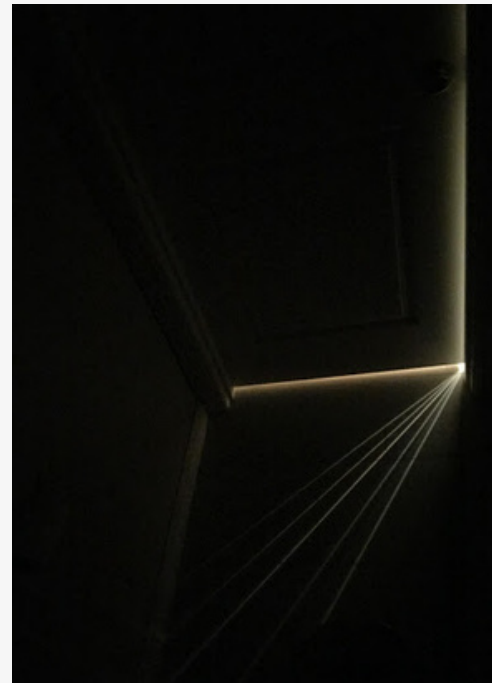
ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY DANIELLE BREWER  
AND KACEY SMITH



## A GAME OF CHASE

SHORT FICTION BY MIA DYER

The groaning creak of the wooden planks seemed to echo through the house. An unwelcome being trudged through the home, making its presence known through the slow footsteps accompanying the space. I shuddered at the sound, clutching my hand over my mouth to quell my breathing. The footsteps grew ever closer, the feeling of dread within myself growing with it. The shadow of the being consumed the light from under my door, and I squeezed my eyes shut instinctively. I waited. And waited. The darkness of the room seemed to inch up the walls and ceiling; enveloping the room in a catabolic beast of pitch. Sweat beaded down my forehead and I swallowed the dry spit that had gathered on my tongue. Silence. Silence as still as stone. I dared to open an eye, but I saw nothing as I surveyed the scene. The shadow under the door had vanished as well. Was it gone? I slowly and quietly stood up and began moving towards the door. I placed a shaky hand on the doorknob and turned it. The flood of light smacked me with a force and my eyes took several moments to adjust. Before that though, I felt a liquid pooling near my feet. When my vision returned, it was clear what it was. Blood. A smile lit up on my face, it seems the creature had hit its limit. What a shame, I was looking forward to playing with it some more.





# INCEPTION (2010)

BY DEVIN AUSTIN



Directed by: Christopher Nolan, Emma Thomas

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Caine, Ellen Page, Ken Watanabe

Inception is a wonderful science fiction/action film by the amazingly talented director Christopher Nolan. The plot consists of a gang of criminals who infiltrate people's dreams and steal valuable information. They are hired while on a job by a business man who wants them to perform something they consider to be impossible: "inception." Inception



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is implanting an idea into someone's subconscious (their dreams), The gang reluctantly agree, but soon discover that if they die in the dream, they will enter a permanent coma in real life. They battle through multiple levels of dreams, fighting off heavily armed guards who are trying to kill them. The action culminates with Cobb, the leader, having to choose between staying with his dead wife in the dream or completing the mission. It concludes with an amazing twist ending that I made me audibly gasp. The performances are top notch, which is to be expected from such an all-star lineup. There are numerous plot points that are left open to interpretation, as well as several hidden details, which is characteristic of a Nolan film. The only "shortcoming" of the movie is that you can get lost at some parts if you don't pay enough attention to them. Overall, this is a deep, action-packed movie that I think everyone can enjoy, and I rate it a full 5 stars.

# MY PLAYLIST: HALLOWEEN EDITION

## BY HALEY HEENAN

**"Monster Mash" by Bobby "Boris" Pickett** - Let's start this playlist off with a classic. It's not often you hear a spooky-time playlist without this song making at least one appearance. This song, released in 1962, is a true "oldie but goodie" and is a great way to kick off this Halloween season.

**Halloween "Be More Chill" Ensemble** - This one is for my Broadway lovers. From the show, not new to the theatre community, but new to Broadway "Be More Chill." This song is a fun, upbeat song, though I do not recommend you take the lyrics to heart. It talks of the "typical" troublesome teenage party atmosphere. Perhaps use this song as a guideline of what not to do when you plan that costume party you're thinking about.

**"Highway to Hell" by ACDC** - I just know that there are some classic rock enthusiasts out there, and if you know rock at all, you know this song. This song is riddled with edgy riffs and guitar solos that make you want to bring out the ol' air guitar. It gives off a feeling of almost spooky exhilaration, much like the night of October 31st.

**"Zombie" by The Cranberries** - Another older song, but still one of the greats. This song is perfect to scream along to. There's something about singing about zombies in your head that is almost therapeutic. It's perfect for this time of year. I mean, what is October without mention of monsters?

**"Emperor's New Clothes" by Panic! At The Disco** - This one is much newer than most of the others I've mentioned. Some may call this a tribute to "emo" music, but, hey! It's good! While topically it is not the spookiest of songs, the music behind the lyrics has always reminded me of all of the best parts of spooky-scary time.

**"Devil Town" by Cavetown** - This song is a softer Halloween song than the others on this list. The artist sings very mellowly about spiders in shoes and hints at asylums, which almost makes the song eerier. You can't help but get chills down your spine when you listen to this song; it is the perfect song to play in the background while carving pumpkins or putting up decorations.



# HALLOWEEN PARTY IDEAS

## BY MIA HALL

The day known for candy is rapidly approaching. As parties pop up all over the place people are starting to get ready for their own. There are so many easy fun ways to throw an amazing Halloween party. Here are some tips for an amazing Halloween party.

Most people are attracted to foods that show the spirit. So why not try a pan full of unraveled cinnamon rolls covered icing that's dyed with strawberry jam? A tasty treat for all the ghouls out there. Another great idea for a snack is simple bowls of candy. People will love to snack on a chocolate bar or a pack of Smarties. Some normal caramel apples would be great for anyone with a sweet tooth, too.

Now onto the costumes. You could have a costume contest or a themed party. The winner could receive a prize or some kind of recognition.

Want to have a movie night where classic horror movies are played? Lay out a sheet and borrow a projector.

## EDIBLE GUTS

Take a can of cinnamon rolls and unravel them onto a baking sheet in a wavy motion to for the "guts" shape.

Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes.

Take the icing from the can of cinnamon rolls and mix with strawberry jam.

Spread the icing mixture over the rolls and using a spoon. Push the mixture in between the cracks of the rolls.

Enjoy your spooky snack.



# BB'S BISCUITS

## BY ANNA HOWELL

My great-grandmother Mary Dell Gilchrist ("BB") was raised on these biscuits. Her mother, Inez Connor, made biscuits from scratch for my BB and her 11 other siblings every morning. At that time there were no frozen or canned biscuits, and even if there were, they wouldn't have been able to afford it. My BB learned from simply watching her mother make them over the years and started making these biscuits on her own when she married in 1956.



My BB making biscuits

### Ingredients

- ½ 5 lb bag White Lily self rising flour
- ⅛ cup solid shortening
- ⅓ cup whole milk
- Clean Vienna sausage can with holes poked in top (for best results but a biscuit cutter will do, too)

Preheat oven to 500 and place 8x8 cast iron pan in oven to heat.

Sift flour into a large bowl (note: you won't use all of this flour but it's necessary to do this step). Make a 1-inch deep, 4-inch wide crater in center of flour in bowl. Place shortening in crater. Pour milk gradually while mixing the shortening and flour by hand. Don't stir in all the flour, just enough to get it slightly softer than playdough.

Place on a dough board that has been sprinkled with dry flour. (brown paper sack can be used in place of dough board). Shape dough into a round balls.

Remove pan from oven and carefully grease with shortening. Roll out dough ¼-inch thick.

Cut out biscuits with can. Dip can in flour from time to time. Bake biscuits in pan on the middle rack for 8-10 minutes or until brown. Enjoy with a cold glass of milk!



# ARE SCHOOLS TRULY PREPARING STUDENTS?

## EDITORIAL BY KACEY SMITH

School teachings do not prepare us students for the future, unless you plan on having a teaching degree. The things we learn do not help us with real life situations for job interviews, college, or adult standards. As an adult, we will need to know how to pay taxes, buy vehicles, buy a home, use a credit card, cash checks, etc. However, school systems do not have that to offer when it comes to actual learning.

We learn about things like tectonic plates, moon cycles, calculus, things that we aren't going to have to know in the future. For example, this quote from "Why do we learn so many useless things in school that don't have feasible real-world applications?", "We're moving from a model of "sit down, shut up and learn this because this is what everyone should know to become learned" to "What do you want from your education?" and "The second is a much better model, as much as we can we should give students a chance to actually have some ownership of their own learning. If they want to learn basic numeracy and literacy and then get as much work experience in a garden as possible then we should help them achieve that." explain why we learn the things they teach in school and how we should learn.

Students should get to choose what they learn and how they are taught, instead of following something they don't understand, and then getting punished for it for not completing it. Also, some kids are not able to work on their school work from home, so this can be tougher on them mentally. Students who tend to have higher scores on tests and assignments are not more likely to succeed just because they are "smarter" than other students. Success doesn't just depend on your grades, but how you choose to learn and how you choose to live your life.

Pelé once said, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing." This quote is an inspirational choice of words that shows that success is not based on one particular thing, but everything as a whole. Although the basic teachings of school such as multiplication, division, subtraction, addition, etc are important to be learned for those who plan on having children, and they are common things we must know for higher levels of education, we do not use them in realistic terms.

# CCHS SPEAKS OUT

## WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THE PREISDENTIAL DEBATE?

""There was no clear winner. Both candidates dodged questions. I thought it was more dividing than it was bringing anybody together. And if I was trying to decide who to vote for, it wouldn't help me choose somebody. It would just make me not want to vote for somebody more."

-Eli Newsom



"I think it's unfair that Jo Jorgenson is on the ballot in all fifty states and was not invited to the debate. And I think that this debate was more devicive to our country than helpful." - Sarah Porter

"Joe had better points most of the time, and he seemed a lot nicer. The only thing I disagreed with him on was adding more to the Sentate." - MK Miller



"I feel like it was an argument more than it was a debate. Both sides made good points and argued what the want to do as President. I personally feel Trump had an edge on Biden since Biden froze a lot. It's definitely going to be an interesting election." - Landon Crabtree

## ILLUSTRATED OPINIONS BY MK MILLER





# QUARANTINE BLUES

## BY GRACE INGRAM

Quite a few of the students here at CCHS have had to quarantine since August due to exposure to COVID-19. While the quarantine period for those who are positive is 10 days (unless symptoms continue), those who are exposed to someone with the virus are required to quarantine for anywhere from 14-24 days. I talked to several students who have missed school due to quarantine this year.

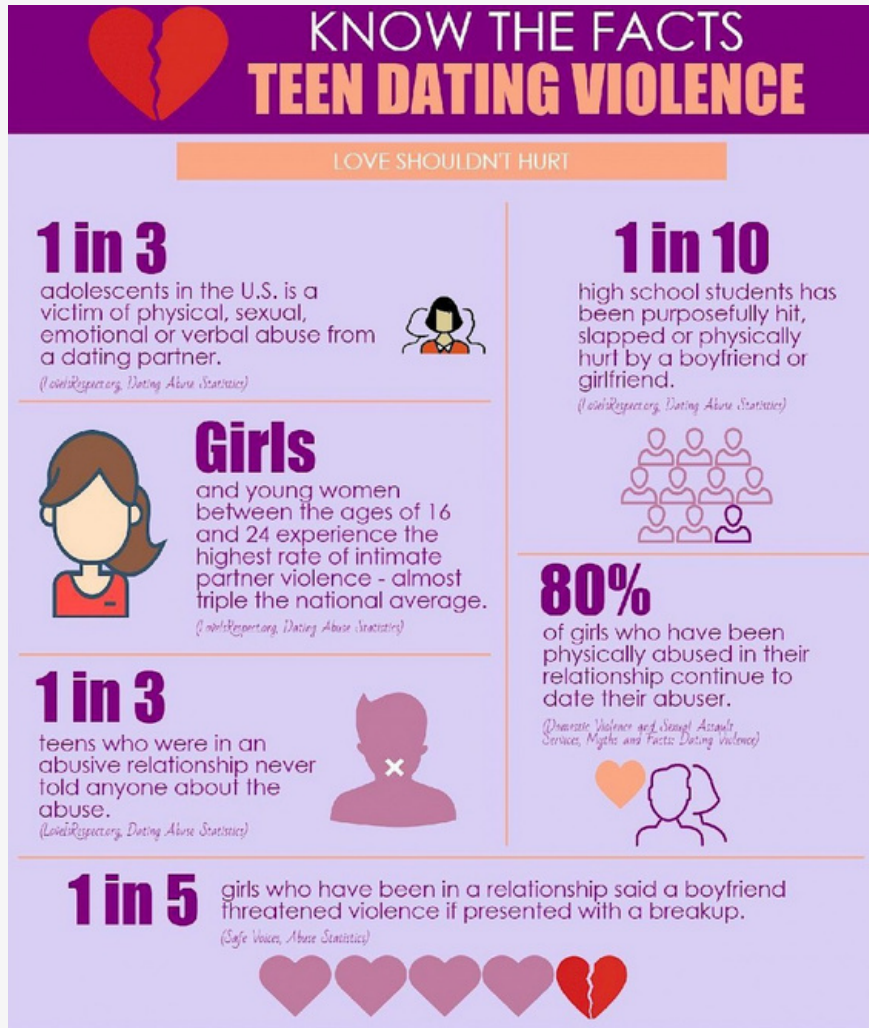
Sophomore Daniel Baldini spent two weeks at home after he came in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. He says he enjoyed staying home but added that it was hard for him to do school work since he wasn't sitting in class with a teacher. He found it difficult to stay on task while he was at home. He said his grades dropped and he struggled with the transition back into school because he was used to sleeping in during quarantine,

Grace Compton also spent two weeks at home following exposure. She said she did not enjoy quarantine because she had to miss several volleyball games. Grace also said it was hard for her to keep up with her school work because it was harder to communicate and it was difficult for her to stay on task from home because she had less motivation to do her work. She had quizzes to make up when she got back but fortunately her grades didn't drop any

Jesse Rinks says had COVID-19 earlier this semester and was out of school for two weeks. His main symptoms were sore throat and dizziness. He said the Covid-19 test wasn't that bad and it didn't really hurt, just stung

During the process of writing this article, I actually came in contact with someone that tested positive for COVID-19. I did not enjoy quarantine because I had to miss soccer games, I also got behind on a lot of school work. It was hard for me to keep up with my work at home, and I have tons of quizzes to make up. My grades have dropped some because I just got back to school this week and have so much to catch up on.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Abuse can happen in both relationships and friendships and the victims can be both male and female. Emotional abuse can be especially difficult to recognize. Often people mistake intense jealousy or possessiveness as a sign of intense feelings of love. It may even seem flattering at first but it is not a sign of a healthy relationship.

Abuse is often physical, but it can also be emotional, verbal, or sexual. Someone who loves you will not hit, slap, kick, pinch, or do anything to cause you physical pain. Someone who loves you will not try to control

you and demand to know where you are at all times. They will not be jealous or agnry when you spend time with friends and fmaily. Somone who loves you will not humiliate you or try to convince you that no one else loves you. Someone who loves you will not threaten to harm you or themselves if you want to end the relationship. Simply put, love shouldn't hurt.

If you are in an abusive relationship, you are not alone! Around 60% of teens say they have experienced some sort of abuse from someone they dated or were in a relationship with. YOu deserve better! Get help from someone you trust, espeically an adult in your life.

If someone you care about is being absued, understand that they need someone to hear and believe them. They may be afraid to tell a parent in fear that they will have to end the relationship. People who are abused often feel like it's their fault — that they "asked for it" or that they don't deserve any better. It takes courage to admit being abused.