



FROM THE DESK OF MRS. HALTOM

As we begin the second half of our 2020-2021 school year and start the 2021 calendar year, it is my sincere hope that whether you are thankful that the school year is half over or are excited about what 2021 might bring, you are able to be optimistic about what is to come. Repeatedly we have all heard about what “unprecedented” times we are facing or how dire certain situations are in



regards to the pandemic, politics, or other world events; however, regardless of what situations are taking place, I am confident that hope is real, faith is powerful, and empathy is empowering. Nelson Mandela, in his autobiography, Long Walk to Freedom, wrote, “I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward.” I continue to be reassured and renewed as students, teachers, and staff help light the way for one another and support each other on our current path. From small acts of kindness, typing a thank you email, holding open a door, or offering a well-deserved compliment, to greater displays of faith and hope, uttering a prayer, devoting time to investing in others, or extending grace in difficult circumstances, the opportunities to demonstrate **Respect, Trust, and Honor** are endless. After the winter solstice, each day gains approximately another minute of sunlight. Moving forward in the second half of this school year and the first part of 2021, I hope that you are able to turn your face toward the sun and focus on the **O** of our POWER C- **Opportunity**. We are better when we care for one another. WE ARE POWER C!

CCHS CLUB NEWS

BY EMMA GILBERT

HOSA competed in the first virtual Regional HOSA Competition January 19-21. They had 18 students that competed and have potential to continue on to the state level. Students took virtual tests in nursing, medical terminology, emergency response, CPR/first aid, medical law, nutrition, and other categories. They also had participants in Prepared Speaking, Biomedical Debate, Medical Reserve Corp. Partnership, and Teaching in Health Education. Awards will be announced February 1st.

FCCLA had a meeting on January 21 to plan their service projects. They made cookies to take to some places in the area to thank them for their work.

Students in **Skills USA** are restoring a 1966 C10 pickup truck. They will be replacing several components on the truck such as the brake and suspension systems, rewiring all electrical components, and installing the engine. They hope to have it road-ready by the end of this school year. There will be other projects started in the near future.



Mu Alpha Theta selected officers and inducted new members in early January. Congratulations to all of the following people:

President: Katlyn Davis
Vice President: Meike Nicolay
Secretary: Caraline Rogers
Treasurer: Logan Williams
Service Project Coordinator: Zane Bolton

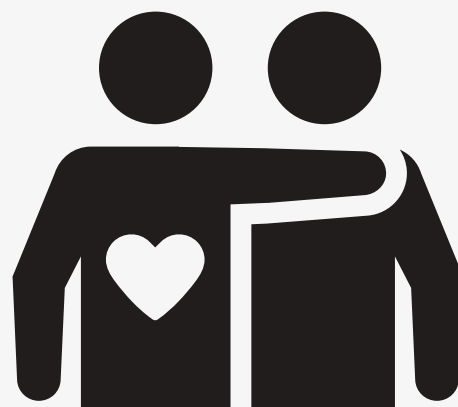
Jada Arnold
Danielle Brewer
Matthew Mutter
Hayleigh Smith



Counselors will be visiting English classes during the first week of February to begin registering students for their 2021-22 courses. If you have questions, please see Mr. Insell or Mrs. Ally.

LET MU ALPHA THETA FIND YOUR MATCH

Looking for a Valentine? Or maybe a new friend? Mu Alpha Theta may be able to help. CCHS students recently filled out personality and interest surveys in their 4th period classes. These surveys will match students up based on their answers and generate a list of those students with whom they are most compatible. The lists will be sold February 16-26 for \$3 each. For more information, see Mrs. Leath or a Mu Alpha Theta member.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG EARLY AT CCHS

CCHS's mascot is the eagle, but there are some new birds on campus. After receiving approval from the City of Henderson to start a poultry program on campus, the CCHS FFA chapter recently received a new chicken coop from the Chester County Co-Op. The coop is located behind the Garden Shed on the west side of campus. Baby chicks soon followed, and our students began a new adventure in chicken farming under the direction of Mrs. Crouse. Several students also volunteered to work on the Garden Shed before school started in January in an effort to get everything ready for spring.



ISAAC'S JOURNEY

BY BRIANNA ARROYO

Isaac Gregory is a senior at Chester County High School and a member of the CCHS Marching Band. While his classmates are stressing over essays, though, he is fighting a much bigger battle. After hurting his hip while playing football in April, Isaac developed back pain. He was sent to physical therapy but didn't improve. In June, he was sent for an MRI which led to the discovery of a tumor on his spine. He also had small tumors on a rib and his hip. Isaac was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma. Due to the location of the tumor, surgery was not an option.



On June 25, Isaac was admitted to St. Jude for his first round of chemotherapy. He was supposed to receive treatment every two weeks but was not always able to due to his labs. He recently finished his 12th treatment during a six-day hospital stay. Along the way, he has also received radiation treatments and was even diagnosed with COVID. Isaac is supposed to go for his final chemo treatment in February. As of December, Isaac's tumors have shrunk and the



doctors are pleased with his progress. Isaac cannot attend classes at CCHS but is completing his coursework at home with the help of educators at St. Jude. In September, he was able to attend Senior Night at the football game and visit with his friends in the band. Hopefully Isaac will be able to return to school once he completes his treatments and finish his senior year. If you would like to keep up with Isaac's journey, please visit caringbridge.org and search for "isaacsjourney2."



STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

BY PEYTON GRISWELL & AMBER GARNER

January is National Stalking Awareness Month. Stalking is defined as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Victims include both women and men. Stalkers use a variety of tactics of unwanted contact, including phone calls, texts, and contact via social media; unwanted gifts; showing up or approaching an individual or their family/friends uninvited; monitoring or surveillance; property damage; and threats. Stalking is typically directed at the victim; however, stalkers often contact the victim's family, friends, or coworkers as part of their pattern of behavior. Occasionally the stalker is a stranger, but more often than not, the stalker is someone the victim knows, possibly a former partner.

Emma Walker from Knoxville was a 16-year-old girl with a bright smile and brighter future. Emma was a cheerleader who was dating a football team standout, Riley Gaul. Their relationship was marked by Gaul's possessiveness and desire to control Emma, with him even telling Emma what to wear. Over time, Gaul began to be verbally abusive and started waiting for Emma outside her work. Emma's family tried to pull her away from him. After two years, it finally seemed they had. Emma broke things off with Gaul and seemed happier. Riley refused to accept the



break up. He began sending texts from an unknown number and even dressed up in black and went to her house to scare her into thinking there was an intruder. He hoped that she would call him so he could "be her hero." But he wasn't her hero. He was her killer. A few days before Thanksgiving, Emma's mother went to her room one morning and couldn't wake her daughter up. Emma had been shot while sleeping in her own bed, the bullet passing through her bedroom wall. Gaul was eventually found guilty of first-degree murder and several other crimes, including stalking. He will spend his life in prison; however, a conviction does not bring this daughter, sister, and friend back to those who love her.

Jenny Weldon is Emma's aunt and is also an educator. We spoke to her to ask if she has any advice to share with young people who may find themselves in a situation such as Emma's. She says, "First loves are hard. They may be the hardest of all to navigate. And when they end, often young people lack the

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wisdom to know that they will be okay again—they will love again. When a relationship doesn't feel healthy, listen to your gut. Jealous and possessiveness is not healthy. Anyone who tries to control you doesn't really love you. That's immaturity. If you ever feel scared or unsafe in a relationship, you are."

The stalking that Emma experienced is not an isolated incident. According to stalkingawareness.org, a survey of 18,013 students showed that 16.5% said they are being stalked and 5.3% actually admitted to stalking someone. A majority of students reported being most afraid of a former boyfriend or girlfriend.

If you are being stalked, or even feel like someone showing attention in an uncomfortable or unhealthy way, it is important that you set boundaries and share your concerns with an adult. Emma's aunt shared this: "One thing we learned through Emma's death that I feel is vitally important is to find out the laws regarding stalking in your county. We tried to get a restraining order on Emma's murderer but were unable to because he hadn't physically harmed her—yet. Abuse is not always physical, so it is important to know your rights and execute a plan if you find yourself in an unsafe relationship. And get out when it doesn't feel right. Wrong does not feel right. And just know, you will be okay. You will move on and you will find love that is right, that is healthy, and that is safe."

Here is some information for what you can do if you are being stalked:

Document everything. Times, dates, screenshots, anything that helps build your case against your stalker.

Notify a friend, family member, teacher, employer or someone you trust.

Contact your local police department to report it.

Be smart on social media. Don't post pictures or information about where you are.

Get a protection order if possible. Discuss options with law enforcement.

If you feel you're in immediate danger, call 911 immediately.

LOCAL MAN HELPS THERAPY CENTER AFTER FIRE

BY HALEY HEENAN

The Rein-bow Riding Academy is a program provided by the Therapy and Learning Center that uses hippotherapy and therapeutic horseback riding to assist its patients. This form of therapy allows those with certain medical conditions or developmental delays to increase their emotional or social well-being. The horses are there to help the patient accomplish his or her therapy goal. The Academy is a place that has done and continues to do a



world of good for so many young people.

In December the Academy lost one of their barns to a devastating fire. Thankfully, no animals were harmed in the fire; however, they lost equipment and their entire

supply of winter hay was lost to the flames. They began asking for donations and hosting fundraisers to rebuild and to purchase more hay to feed their animals. But there was a light among all of this darkness. Chester County resident Chad Lott donated a large amount of his personal stock of hay bales to the program in order to feed the horses for a time.

This was incredibly kind of him. Mr. Lott, who has two sons at CCHS, is a stand-up example of giving without expectations. Jon Mead said, "When you give without expecting anything in return, you have mastered the art of living." By those standards, Mr. Lott has mastered the art of living. The academy is still asking for donations so that they can get safely get through the rest of the winter and continue to replace what was lost. If you would like to donate to the Rein-bow Riding Academy, please call at (731) 343-8944.

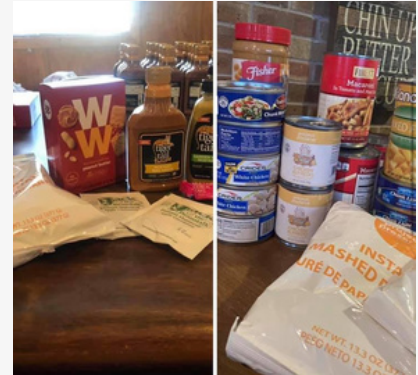


EAGLE'S EDGE PORCH PANTRY

BY HALEY SIMPSON

Eagle's Edge is the home of the coordinated school health and family resources for Chester County students. This includes a "porch pantry" with bags of shelf-stable foods that can be picked up every Monday from 8 AM to 3 PM. This is made possible by a grant, and any student, student's family, or school employee can be served. Items may be picked up at 275 Jacks Creek Street, behind the high school. Mrs. Heather Griffin

works with Eagle's Edge and helps coordinate the program. At the moment, she is not accepting donations but if you would like to volunteer, you are more than welcome to contact either her or Mrs. Amy Eads via their school email addresses or by phone at (731) 989-5148.



WORD WISE

BY STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ

The U.S. recently got a new president, so this month's word is inauguration. In government and politics, inauguration is the process of swearing a person into office. This commonly occurs through a formal ceremony or special event, which may also include an inaugural address by the new official. The word inauguration is borrowed from French and means "installation." The word originates in

Latin, though. "Augur" means to predict, which usually involved birds. New leaders would want to be installed under "good omens" or predictions. On January 20, 2021, the inauguration of Joe Biden took place in the U.S. capitol, and he was officially sworn in as the United State's president. Kamala Harris was also sworn in as Vice President. She is the first female to hold this office.



In 1949, **Harry S Truman** delivered the first televised inaugural address. There were about 44,000 TV sets in US homes



MLK DAY OBSERVED

BY BROOKLYN RUSH

As we all know, the meaning of Martin Luther King Jr. day is honoring his great achievements in the world. He made powerful speeches like “I Have a Dream” and “Our God is Marching On” that touched many hearts, but he also made many not-so-famous speeches. One of his lesser known speeches is “A Time to Break Silence.” This speech was one of his most controversial speeches, because he came out against the Vietnam War when most Americans supported it. President Lyndon Johnson even stopped talking to him because of this speech. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.” According to Florida Mayor Barbara Sharief, “The speech also distilled his belief that economic exploitation, war, and racism are the ‘triple evils.’” He delivered the speech on April 4, 1967. On that same day a year later, Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.



The National Civil Rights Museum is located at the site of Dr. King's assassination, the Lorraine Motel. The museum's exhibits explore the civil rights movement and its impact on our world today. Today we celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy on the third Monday in January. It is the only federal holiday commemorating an African-American.

INAUGURATION 2021

BY MIA HALL



On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris (left) were sworn into office. There were performances by Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez, and Garth Brooks. A poem was read by Amanda Gorman. Only 200 people were allowed on stage, and only a few thousand were in attendance. President Trump did not attend.

FOREST FAMILY

SHORT FICTION BY MIA DYER

A set of eyes scanned for movement, ears pricked for the slightest sound, hindquarters hunched and ready to spring. Deep in the forest, a wolf waited, keeping perfectly still. The forest, however, did not respond. The only sound that could be heard was the whisper of the wind taunting him. The wolf suppressed a grumble as he carefully paced forward. The scenery remained the same, tall thin trees towered over him, the lush

green grass felt soft on his paws, and the occasional pile of leaves and twigs lay scattered on the ground. And yet, there was still no sign of prey. It was then that the wolf began to catch the whiff of something awful, a foul odor that stank of



rot. He had an uneasy feeling, but his morbid curiosity kept him going. The stench grew worse and worse, and the wolf couldn't help but squint his eyes at the awful smell. Finally, when the foul scent reached its peak, he found what had caused the rank odor. The forest opened up to a clearing and in the middle lied a rotting doe corpse. Beside it was a young fawn. It had its head lowered towards the doe's skull, baying mournfully. He licked his chops, tensing his muscles to prepare for a chase. But as he saw the fawn crying out for the dead doe, legs trembling from its sobs, he hesitated. This fawn was grieving over the death of its mother. It was going through entirely too much for a fawn and the wolf could relate to that feeling. Family is more important than life itself to a wolf, and he knew he couldn't take that away from this fawn. So, fighting the gnawing hunger rumbling in his stomach, the wolf gave one last sympathetic glance and padded off into the forest.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY HUNTER PERRY

The Wingspan would like to recognize Senior Colton Gates. Colton has played football for his entire high school career. and says his favorite memory is "playing football with all my brothers under the lights with all the fans watching."

After graduation, Colton plans on attending Union University and working toward his degree in mathematics.

He says he will miss seeing his friends everyday, and he has advice for the underclassmen: "Enjoy your time here, because it goes by really fast."

Colton would like to thank all his teachers but wants to especially recognize his math teachers, Mr. Harpole, Mrs. Shulte, Mrs. Leath, and Coach Showers, for helping him really enjoy and learn math as much as possible.



OUR SHINING "STAR"

BY GRACE INGRAM

Our STAR student this month is Bridgett Fuller. Her favorite thing about coming to school is when she gets to sing (which she says she is good at), and she loves to learn life skills because it can help her in the future when she is older. Bridgett's favorite teacher is Mrs. Bennett because she has always been so nice to her. . Bridgett has a good friend, Bianca, who she says makes her smile. "She is so funny," says Bridgett. She believes what makes her unique is her pretty green eyes. In her spare time, she frequently enjoys singing and coloring, which she does very well. We are so glad Bridgett is part of our CCHS family.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY BROKE THOMAS

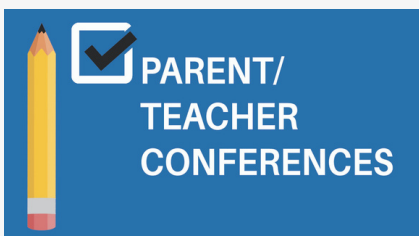


CCHS Senior Haley Heenan's favorite extra-curricular activity is theatre. She says, "I am heavily involved in theatre, in fact, that is mostly what I involve myself with seriously, aside from just hobbies on the side." Haley says that her TTA trip her sophomore year and ThesCon her junior year are some of her favorite high school memories.

After graduation, Haley wants to attend the University of Chicago and double major in Spanish and ASL. After that she plans to become a flight attendant and "see where life takes her."

Her advice to underclassmen includes, "When they tell you time flies; believe them. It does. Go out and do something that will make you happy. Every single second. Teach yourself to find even a sliver of joy in every single thing. Please be kind to everyone (including yourself), I promise everyone deserves at least that much. If you aren't happy with the way things are, change them. Seriously, it's that easy."

As for what she'll miss about CCHS, Haley says, "I'll miss the assurance that I'll see all of my friends and people that I care about every day. It's going to be weird knowing that I'll never experience first period announcements again or feel the thrill of homecoming week and seeing everything come together in such a short time. She adds "I owe a lot to a few of the staff here that have impacted my person as well as my academics: Mr. Showers, Mrs. Matheney, Mr. Patel, Mr. Cole, Mr. Bob, Mrs. Hicks, and Mrs. Crouse. Thank you. I appreciate these people more than I could express. Much love."



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH. CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD
5-8 PM, FOLLOWED BY A FOUR-DAY WEEKEND.**

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

BY KATIE LOVELACE



This month we recognize Junior Alex Bolton for his academic achievements. Since Alex has a love of studying history and how the government works, his favorite classes are World History, College US History, Tennessee History, and AP Government. "AP government is pretty challenging because it makes you think about why it works that way and why they do it that way," says Alex. Due to his dyslexia, another challenging class is Spanish; however, Alex doesn't

let it stand in the way of his success. "I don't like to use excuses or ask for help," he says. "I like to push through and try to get things done myself. English class was also hard growing up. The dyslexia contributed to that, but I pushed through it. I went from reading 3-4 grade levels behind and not being able to read fast or speak without mixing up my words, to reading on grade level, reading faster, and being able to speak without mixing up my words,"

Alex was nominated by Mrs. Leigh Ann Skaggs who says, "Alex comes to class ready to learn every day, and he enhances class discussion with his background knowledge and thought-provoking questions. He is a joy to teach!"

Alex is also member of the CCHS track and field team. After graduation, he is considering joining the military and going to college. He eventually wants to become either a police officer or a teacher. Alex has advice for other students who want to be academically successful: "Study and work hard at everything you do. Have a good work ethic and you can do anything. Do the challenging things in order to make yourself better. If you don't challenge yourself, you can't get better than you were the day before"

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Our CCHS Teacher of the Month is English I and English I Honors teacher, Mrs. Laurian Williams. Mrs. Williams is in her 21st year of teacher and has been a part of the CCHS family for six years. We recently got to know her a little better in an exclusive interview.

What is your education background?

I have both my Bachelors and Masters degrees in Secondary Education/ Language Arts concentration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Who or what inspired your to become a teacher?

I don't actually remember a time when I didn't want to be a teacher. I was fortunate enough to be taught by amazing teachers growing up; I come from a family full of educators; and education itself was a priority in my family. It was a natural choice for me and one I've never regretted. I hope to have many happy years ahead of me.

**You're a successful teacher. What do you think makes a "good" educator?**

There are so many good teachers out there and each teacher is inspired by different elements of the profession. For me, it's all about the kids. I truly love my students, and I teach with my whole heart. I put my students at the center of every decision I make and hope that it guides me to make the best decisions for all concerned.

What's the hardest part of being a teacher?

There are so many difficult parts of being a teacher. Of course there is the grading, the accountability, and so on. But the hardest part to me is when I feel that I have failed to reach a student. I want each kid to reach his or her full potential, and when a student doesn't do so, I take it personally!

And what is the most rewarding part of teaching?

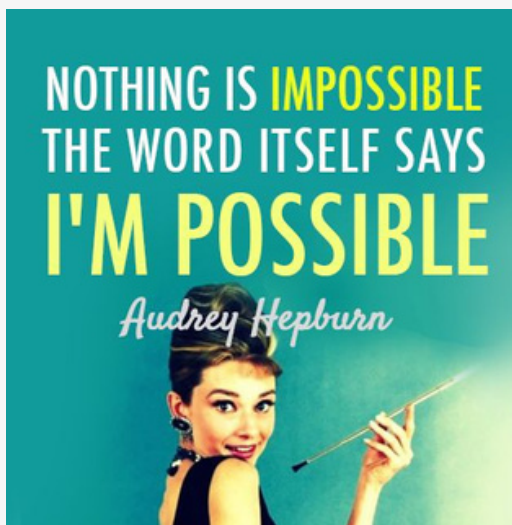
Oh my goodness, there are so many rewards! I love it when my students achieve success, especially on a challenging task. I love sharing literature with my kiddos. I love sharing those "Aha! I get it!" moments with students—especially when it's come after a great struggle. And I love simply getting the opportunity to spend time with growing learners. I am also blessed to be surrounded by an incredible group of co-educators and a very supportive and innovative administration.

CTE SPOTLIGHT



Senior Naim Perez was nominated for the CTE Spotlight by Mr. Derick Gibbs who says, "Naim has shown great dedication and work ethic as he improves his skills daily in the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Crump Welding Program at CCHS. Perez can be found assisting his classmates [as they] cut, grind, weld, and sculpt metal daily. He has so diligently strived for a career in welding that he has completed all requirements for the TCAT-Crump Welding Program and will graduate high school May 2021 with not only his high

school diploma but his welding certifications as well. Naim will have the opportunity to begin his welding career this summer or continue his education in another field which will make him an even more valuable employee." Naim says he enjoys being able to have this hands-on experience each day. He has also learned how to work with a variety of people and in different scenarios. When asked which teacher has influenced him the most, he responded, "Mr. Gibbs has influenced me to take pride in all my work, no how important it is." His advice to others in his program, or just to students in general, is, "Ask a lot of questions when something doesn't make sense." Naim is not only a welding student but also a member of the CCHS soccer team. He doesn't have any definite future plans but hopes to "get rich" in whatever he does. It sounds like he is definitely on the road to success.



"Don't give up on your dream no matter how you feel or what you think. You should always encourage yourself to be successful."

Tanaya Brooks, CCHS Freshman

GOOD HUMAN AWARD

BY KACEY SMITH



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." October's Good Human Award belongs to junior Aiyanna Bynum.

Aiyanna was nominated by Mr. Caz Williams who says, "Aiyanna is an excellent student who goes the extra mile to pursue learning outside of the classroom. Her curiosity leads her to seek understanding of the world around her. She is a critical thinker, excellent writer, and one of the most gifted history students I have had in my career."

Aiyanna has even more going for her than a 4.0 GPA, though. She is involved in several organizations here at CCHS, including Beta and NEHS. She also provides leadership as a member of the Student Council and plans to be a Beta officer in the future. Due to the pandemic, she isn't currently able to participate volunteer in her community, but plans to in the future.

Aiyanna's favorite subjects in school are algebra and history. She says, "I love algebra because working with numbers really stimulates my brain and always gives me something to work towards. I get a problem and work to find a specific solution, so that's really refreshing. I love history the most because I love learning about how and why certain things occurred. I always find myself looking even deeper than what we learn in class about certain events in history because my brain yearns to learn more. I guess I tend to like subjects that stimulate my brain more," Aiyanna says that her most challenging class is definitely chemistry because there is always something new to learn and understand, but says she can still handle it.

After high school, she plans to attend college and study criminal psychology

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and criminology. Through hard work, she will hopefully become a criminal psychologist and maybe even a profiler for the FBI.

As for her philosophy on life, Aiyanna says, "I believe that people should live life to the fullest and for themselves. Don't wait on someone or something else to tell you what you need to do or how. I also believe that people should just care and love others for who they are and not judge because they either look different or don't necessarily follow what society deems as 'normal.' Be yourself and love yourself."

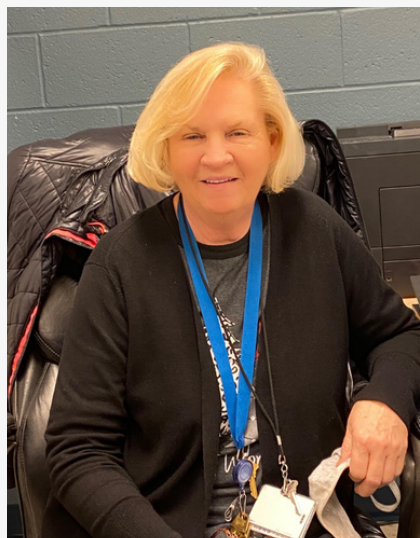
CCHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

BY MADISON BREA

Ms. Janet Stallings is a very hard-working, organized woman who is the ACT Coordinator and RTI Coordinator here at CCHS. Her work is important for all of our students since she is responsible for scheduling and coordinating the ACT test at our school, as well as test prep sessions. She also helps coordinate intervention for students who need assistance in math or reading. She has been a part of the CCHS family for three years. She says, "We have a wonderful family atmosphere here. Our students are just awesome. The staff at CCHS is second to none and it's a privilege to work with these colleagues.

It is a very supportive group. Someone is always here to lend a helping hand and provide encouragement. I love our motto: Respect, Trust and Honor. These are great words to live by and focus on each day."

She says the most challenging part of her job is coordinating and scheduling testing, particularly when she is testing the entire school in one day since it requires a lot of detailed planning to make sure everything flows smoothly. "It is important that all students and staff have clear direction when over 900 students must go to new locations on test days," she says. This school year has presented new challenges, with virtual students and students who are



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distance learning due to COVID. "It has also been a challenging year, but I think the students and staff have handled it very well," she says.

With the stress also comes rewards. Working with the students and helping them be successful is what she enjoys most about her job. She says, "I also enjoy discussing students' goals and aspirations with them so we can set them on the pathway to success." She also invites students who need assistance with math and reading to stop by W15 anytime.

Ms. Stallings is blessed to have three generations of her family at CCHS. Her daughter is Mrs. Carol Ann Williams who teaches English III. Her grandson Cullen works with the math intervention program, and her granddaughter Logan is a junior. Her other two grandchildren are also CCHS graduates.

Outside of school, Ms. Stallings loves to remain active. She says, "I love travelling and going to the beach whenever we have a break or time off. I also enjoy boating at Pickwick Lake whenever the weather is conducive. I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren whenever I can. I also enjoy walking and bicycling. I am planning to run a 5K or maybe a 10K this summer so I've got a lot of work to do to prepare for that. I have been in several races in the past and made it my goal this year to get back in the race." Thank you, Ms. Stallings, for all you do for our students here at CCHS.

ACT Prep

**ACT practice will be offered for English, Reading
and Science on the following Mondays:**

February 1, 8, & 22 and March 1, 8, & 15

**The link to sign up is in your Remind app. You may
attend as many as you'd like.**

A LITTLE BIT OF WARMTH

SHORT FICTION BY SCARLETT WEBB

"I can't tell if you're joking or not," Jacob says as William is practically jumping up and down.

"I'm not joking, Jay!"

Jacob groans. He can't believe William would rather go snowboarding off the largest hill in town than just watching T.V. or play video games.

"I'm not taking you snowboarding Will."

"Aw, why!?"

"Because there is no snow outside!"

"That's 'cause it hasn't been snowing for that long," William states, folding his arms across his chest.

Jacob sighs. He knows it's not worth fighting William over something, even if he knows he's right. Once William sets his mind to something, it is hard to change that eleven-year-old mind.

"Fine!" Jacob says, relenting.

William's smile widens. "I'll go get the snowboard!," he squeals as he races to his bedroom.

INAUGURAL FACTS

BY MIA DYER

President Franklin D. Roosevelt marked the first president to be inaugurated on January 20th. It was originally on March 4th.

Andrew Johnson, due to being ill from typhoid fever, accidentally drank too much whiskey to help ease his pains and showed up to his Vice Presidential Inauguration drunk.

Harry S. Truman's inauguration was the first ever televised inauguration.

William Henry Harrison has set the record for the longest inaugural speech, which lasted two hours and was delivered outside on a wet winter day. He died a month later—from pneumonia.

Conversely, George Washington's address was only a mere 135 words.

COACH'S CORNER



Though COVID restrictions have prevented people outside of immediate family to attend the games, the CCHS Eaglettes have carried on. We spoke to Coach Lee Pipkin to get her thoughts about the season so far. She says, "We are so fortunate to even be able to play basketball this season. It was a toss up earlier in the year as to if we were going to even have a season! Luckily, our season hasn't been extremely affected due to COVID, meaning the whole team hasn't

had to quarantine. However, we have had individual girls to be quarantined throughout the season. We have also had to cancel many JV games because we didn't have enough girls to play." Though basketball is important, Coach Pipkin also believes there is a bigger picture to consider. She says, "Honestly, this virus has been killing people throughout this country; and although I am extremely grateful that this season has happened, there are far more important things than sports we need to consider and keep in mind during this crisis in our country's history. I'm most thankful that our basketball family has been relatively safe and healthy throughout the season so far, and pray we all remain so."



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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

BY ELIZABETH DUCK

This month we'd like to feature Senior Jamisson Aleman. Jamisson has played soccer for twelve years, including playing defender for the CCHS soccer team.

Jamisson doesn't just bring his skills to the field; he brings the right kind of attitude. When asked what he thinks makes him a good teammate, Jamison said, "I care about others' well being and want nothing but success." Though he has completed his last season with the CCHS team, he said his goals for next season are to encourage the team and for the team to be the district winners. But he also knows that there is more to be gained from competition than just winning. He shares the most rewarding part of playing soccer: "The hard work that we put into playing makes me feel accomplished."



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CAPITOL BREACHED BY ANGRY PROTESTORS

EDITORIAL BY DEVIN AUSTIN

Completed in 1800, the U.S. Capitol is almost as old as the country itself. It has survived through times of war and peace, anger and happiness (as much happiness as is possible to in politics anyways.) On January 6, 2021, a mob breached the capitol building and ran rampant. Before we examine this incident further,



however, let's examine some background information. The incumbent president, Donald J. Trump, had recently lost the election, and in a very public Twitter campaign claimed that the election was "stolen" from him by Joe Biden. Trump publicly announced a protest in the capital on the day Congress would be gathering to count electoral votes. "Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!" Trump tweeted,

As with any protest significant in size, there were those with negative ulterior motives. According to an article on Buzzfeed News, some protesters called for violence. Groups in attendance like the Proud Boys and Stop the Steal purportedly made remarks online that they would "escalate if confronted by police" and asked "which politician they should hang first" a question accompanied by a GIF of a noose. D.C. Metro Police, U.S. Park Police, and the Capitol Police were stationed around the city, as was Secret Service. This is protocol with large demonstrations but it would not be enough. On the day before the rally, the FBI issued a warning in an internal document that extremist groups were planning violence the following day, even calling it. It was later revealed the the FBI spoke to a number of "known extremists" and "discouraged" them from attending the rally.

On the day of the event, several thousand people gathered at and around The Ellipse in the National Mall as planned to hear President Trump speak, along with several Republican figures like Rudy Giuliani, Representative Mo Brooks, and Trump's sons, Donald, Jr. and Eric. Of the speeches delivered, the President's speech is the most noteworthy, as it was filled with "violent

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imagery,” such as “Something’s wrong here. Something’s really wrong. [It] can’t have happened. And we fight. We fight like Hell and if you don’t fight like Hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore.” The President used the word “fight” in his speech twenty times, though he did use “peacefully” once, saying, “I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to make your voices heard.”

By noon, groups of protesters estimated to be in the thousands flooded the grounds in and around the Capitol, even as the president was speaking. By 1:00 PM, they had breached the outer perimeters. By 2:00 PM, a mob had breached the last barricades and began entering the Capitol through broken windows and even doors. Capitol police



were on scene but were overpowered until National Guard reinforcements arrived. As they ransacked offices and vandalized the building, members of the mob donned all sorts of ridiculous attire and displayed insignia ranging from Christian to the Confederate battle flag, which was flown for the first time in history inside the Capitol. Congress, in session at the time were first told to stay, as law enforcement, firearms drawn, guarded the doors. They were eventually evacuated. The riot resulted in five deaths, including that of a police officer.

So, was this attack justified at all? Many supporters of the event say that the populace rising up against a government they believe is corrupt is one of the most American things to happen in history. Those against it say that it was treason and that the President and others who had spoken earlier incited the attack. In my opinion, it is a mix of both. If these reports are to be believed, many people who broke into the Capitol intended it to be a violent insurgency. That being said, there is plenty of misinformation on both sides, a contributing factor in the writing of this article. While it is perfectly reasonable for people to have their grievances with the government, this does not excuse the violence that occurred on that fateful day, as there are far better means to get a point across without invading federal property. In any case, we can only hope that this was a learning experience for the nation and that there is no further violence, for the sake of all of us.

THIS OR THAT: ARE YOU A TYPICAL TEENAGER?

BY STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ

This: Walk straight to your other class as soon as the bell rings

That: Stand around in the quad after the bell rings

This: Wear regular school dress code clothes

That: Dress up each day for homecoming week

This: Stay at home and watch a movie/read a book

That: Go out and watch the Chester County vs Lexington ball game

This: Be part of the Project LIT book club

That: Be part of a CCHS sports club

This: Finish your homework early/ turn it in on time

That: Wait till the last minute to do your homework/ turn it in late

This: Work on make up work / study during your free time

That: Get on your phone / go hang out with friends during your free time

This: Eat a salad from the lunchroom

That: Eat chicken strips with mashed potatoes, peas, and pineapple from the lunch room

MOSTLY THAT: You are more than likely outgoing and are energized by being around people. You like to fit in with others and like following trends. Furthermore, you feel as if high school is your time to shine and have fun.

MOSTLY THIS: You most likely keep to yourself more than trying to be the "life of the party." You think and feel deeply and feel energized when you have time alone to yourself. Getting good grades and studying is your main goal in high school and boosting your social life is the least of your worries.

HALF and HALF: If you had an equal mix of both, you enjoy your alone time every once in a while but like having some company so you won't feel too lonely. You don't mind fitting in but ultimately don't really care what others think about you. Also, you care about your studies and grades, but you like to have fun every once in awhile.



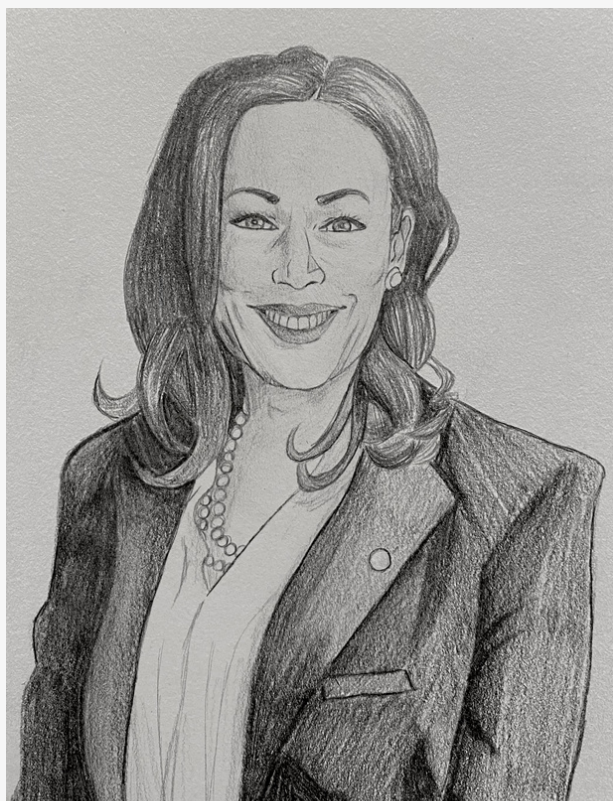
AMAZING PIZZA & WINGS

REVIEW BY PEYTON GRISWELL

Amazing Pizza and Wings is one of my favorite places to eat. Located in downtown Henderson, it is one of Henderson's newest restaurants and is owned by Tony Conway, Jimmy Bryant and Ron Arnold. They have really good

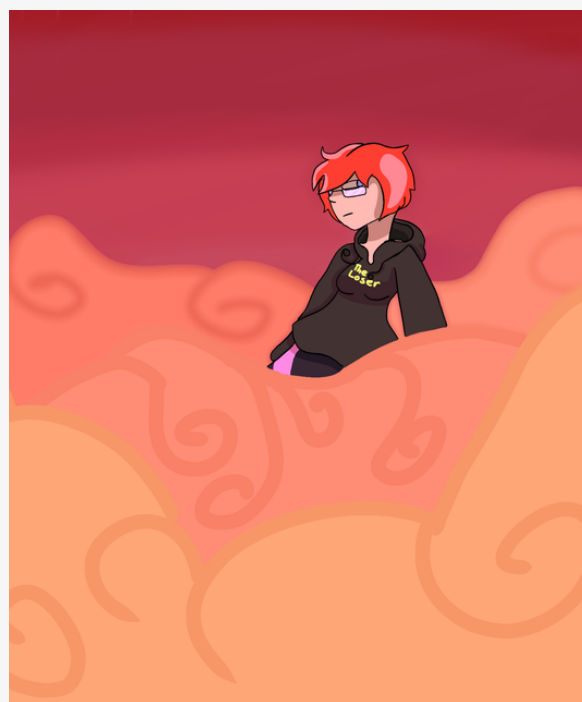
wings and pizza, or course, but that's not all they have. They also serve salads, pasta, breadsticks and subs. My family and I usually get pepperoni pizza, and I get boneless chicken wings. I'm generally picky about the pizza I eat but this is definitely one of my go to meals.

Pizza prices start around \$7 and go up to \$25 for a "monster" 20" pizza. They are open seven days a week from 10 AM to 10 PM. They are located in downtown Henderson. Call 731-435-1495 to place your order and support local business.



KAMALA by MK Miller

ORIGINAL ARTWORK



CLOUDY THOUGHTS by Scarlett Webb

TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE

ORIGINAL POEM BY ANNA HOWELL

Time is something precious.
Something we have so much, yet so little of.
Time is something we can't get back once it's lost.
Time is one of the most important parts of life.
Often we don't think about making the best of our time.

Life is defined by time.
Everyone wants the best out of their life, but that takes time.
Time continues on even when our entire world seems to stop.
The birds continue to sing.
 The sun still sets.
 The moon still rises.
 Time goes on.
 Life must go on

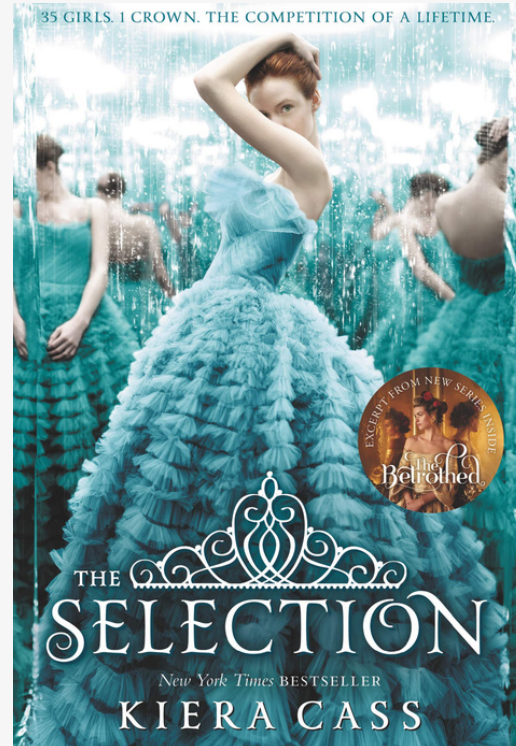
So make the most of your time, make the most of your life.
Take that risk.
 Get that tattoo.
 Go up on that stage.
 Talk to that boy.
 And always say "I love you."

You never know when you might not have the time to.

BOOK REVIEW: THE SELECTION

BY JADEN FRAME

The Selection is set in a distant future, where the U.S. we know has disappeared and people are placed in a caste system that determines their social status and wealth. The main character is a young adult named America, a young musician who is the middle child of five children. She has grown up poor, living in the fifth caste in the province of Carolina at their home. The kingdom has a competition for who will marry the crown prince. America is one of 35 girls who must compete. Her childhood romance screeches to a halt as she leaves her home for a chance at a crown she



doesn't want. The Selection is a young adult novel by Kiera Cass. It is the first in a five-book series, followed by The Elite, The One, The Heir, and The Crown. It is also being made into a movie by Netflix.

I recommend this book to people who love romance with humor. I started reading this series when I was in 8th grade and I haven't stopped thinking about it. This book shaped my way of writing characters. I hope who ever else reads it will like it just as much.

WHEN WE GOT THE LETTER in the post, my mother was ecstatic. She had already decided that all our problems were solved, gone forever. The big hitch in her brilliant plan was me. I didn't think I was a particularly disobedient daughter, but this was where I drew the line.

I didn't want to be royalty. And I didn't want to be a One. I didn't even want to *try*.

NETFLIX REVIEW: THE PROMISED NEVERLAND

BY MK MILLER



If you had told me a few weeks ago that this would be my favorite show ever, I would've said that you're crazy. Until a week ago, I had never given anime a chance. I had never admired the style nor the brainless banter in between unimportant fights. But after

years of being critical of something I've never seen, I decided to give it a try and watched what is now my favorite show: [The Promised Neverland](#).

[The Promised Neverland](#) is about Emma, Norman, and Ray, three gifted kids who discover their house has a terrible secret as they fight to change their future. With children as the main characters, you might think that it would be immature or childish; however, the characters in this show are not only lovable, accurate portrayals of children but also complex characters.

This show is brilliantly thought out. Every shot and emotion of the characters mean something and no little detail is overlooked. Dramatic irony is a big part of this show, and the things that you might not have noticed or understood before make complete sense when everything is explained. The show is initially built around smart dialogue, but as it moves forward and the plot deepens, there are more moments of action.

The music brilliantly complements both the plot and beautiful visuals. The intro song is an epic interlude that fits the show's theme perfectly. It is in Japanese, but you probably don't want to look up what it means until after you've seen the whole series. Then there is the Mom's lullaby, which is a musical masterpiece that possesses the mystery and magic of this world.

[The Promised Neverland](#) is on Netflix, and there is currently one season available. It's a fairly quick watch, with 12 episodes at 20 minutes each. It is rated TV-14 for moderately frightening scenes. Even if you've never watched anime before, like me, I implore you to just give it a try. You might enjoy it.

STUFFED SHELLS

BY TANAYA BROOKS

I enjoy cooking and this is one of my favorites dishes. It's also fast and simple cooking , you don't have to spend a lot of time in the kitchen.

INGREDIENTS

1 12 oz. box jumbo pasta shells
2 cups cooked shredded chicken
12 oz. bag frozen broccoli florets
(steamed then chopped)
16 oz. jar Alfredo sauce
1 1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup ricotta cheese
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°.

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook jumbo pasta shells according to package directions until al dente. Drain and return to pot.

In a large bowl, combine shredded chicken, ricotta, mozzarella, Parmesan, and parsley and season with salt and pepper.

In a baking dish, spread a layer of sauce. Stuff shells with chicken-ricotta mixture and place in dish. Spoon more sauce all over shells.

Bake until warmed through and bubbly, around 15 minutes.

Garnish with parsley and serve (or eat!)

MY PLAYLIST

BY ANNA HOWELL

Check out this month's staff-recommended playlist if you're in the mood for something besides the same old music on the radio.

"The Lines" by Beartooth - This song is very catchy. I highly recommend the band and the song. It also has a very deep meaning.

"Discretion" by For the Likes of You - This song is hard to understand, but it will definitely get stuck in your head.

"Trial_Error" by Sentinels - This song is very loud and is definitely catchy. The band is a less known band but a majority of their music is very good.

"I Know It Hurts" by Alter Bridge - This song is very meaningful and a very upbeat song. This song is about hurt, but also recovery.

"Lost in the Static" by After the Burial - This song is very upbeat. It will be stuck in your head for days.



YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS...

Last month's story was shared by Mrs. Janet Sain. Though not an astronaut, she did go to "Astronaut High School" in Florida and was chased by an alligator!

Can you figure out which faculty or staff member shared this month's fun fact about their life? Email your correct answer or guess to Mrs. Amber Garner and win a **DRESS-DOWN DAY**!

Who said, "I was charged by a moose on my 9th birthday"?

CCHS SPEAKS

HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

Devin Austin - "I have missed school due to testing and have entered into the failing range (which I thankfully escaped). Additionally, my great aunt, who has a long history of being sickly, had it earlier this month and paired with diabetes, she had a close brush with death."

Colten Layden - "COVID has affected my family in a lot of ways. We weren't able to go on trips during the summer, mainly because of money issues due to COVID. It's been very scary for me personally; two of my friends have asthma, so I constantly worry about them possibly dying. On the positive side, I personally love masks. It's been very easy for me to talk to people since masks."

Ricky Greene - "COVID affected my family because we had to stay home together, so we were all miserable... we just stayed to ourselves, usually with our face stuck in our phones."

Mrs. Laurian Williams - "I was fortunate that my case of COVID was mild, so for me the worst part was missing time in the classroom. I was diagnosed on December 8, so by the time I was quarantined for two weeks, it was Winter Break. I went an entire month without seeing my students—an eternity."

Jocelyn Gentry - "COVID has not personally impacted my family. We take very good precautions to prevent our family from getting the virus. We do not go without a mask and sanitize and wash our hands everywhere we go."

Emma Grace Miller - "With existing health issues in our family, we've been extra cautious. We haven't been able to get out and do things we normally enjoy. We miss seeing family. We still had COVID in December, though. My mom was hit hardest but was able to get the infusion."

Aaron Ainscough - "COVID-19 hasn't really affected my family besides not getting together for Thanksgiving or Christmas"

Mrs. Brianne Matheney - "My experience with COVID was mild compared to others who have had it, and although I felt like I had been hit by a bus multiple times, the worst part for me was missing the holidays with my family. I had Christmas at home with just my husband and kids, and we made the most of it; however, for the first time in my life, I didn't wake up at my mom's house on Christmas morning to enjoy breakfast and Santa gifts. Yes, Santa still visits her house and leaves me and my brother gifts! My kids didn't get to experience those special moments with their grandparents this Christmas, and that hurt more than anything COVID physically did to me because I know those special moments will someday become fond memories for my kids when they think of their grandparents. If there is anything COVID has taught me, it is to not take those 'small' moments or traditions for granted because what we may perceive as 'small' is oftentimes part of our greatest blessings."