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# COVINGTON CATHOLIC TIMES

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## Colonels Light Up the Night

By: Brad Krumpleman

Another year, another successful Homecoming. The Homecoming day began with a satisfying victory over Holmes in the football game, in which the football Colonels scored over sixty points and put on a show that would lead into the Homecoming Dance that night.

CovCath students were dressed to impress as they arrived with their dates to the gym for the "Light Up the Sky" themed dance. The DJ, DJ Shoeshine, put on an impressive light show complemented by a quality blend of bass-loaded music that had Colonels fist-pumping all night. "You know, I really had the fist pump going for me and the music was perfect for mosh pits at times or dancing with your date. It was an awesome senior Homecoming," remarked senior Charlie Mader.

The night went on with continuous dancing until the moment that everyone had been waiting for: the crowning of the king and queen. The throne as Homecoming King seemed to be up in the air for any nominated senior to win, and the crown went to Alex Flynn and his girlfriend, Jamie Bramlage. Flynn was exuberant regarding his victory of the Homecoming King race. The night concluded with a slow dance to "Iris", by the Goo Goo Dolls, which evoked much emotion, especially from the seniors. Everyone who attended Homecoming had a wonderful time, and the seniors will always cherish the last Homecoming spent with their friends at Covington Catholic.



Photo by Prestige Photography

Colonels and their dates pause their dancing for a quick picture.

## Freshman Halloween Bash

By: Sean Kiely

Although the real Halloween was on Monday, October 31, almost every single student in the freshman class had an early start on the festivities and attended the third annual Halloween Bash on Friday, October 28. This event cost five dollars a ticket and was only open to Notre Dame and Covington Catholic freshmen. The Bash lasted from 8-11pm and was held in the CCH gym.

130 boys and 119 girls attended, all in costumes varying from Superman to Lil' Wayne. The incorrigible Darth Vader even made an appearance. One freshman, Alex Beckes, who dressed up as a "Lax Bro" said, "It was a really fun night and also great way to meet new people." Some of the most creative costumes during the night were the family of Smurfs, a Reno 911 cop, and Thing 1 and Thing 2 from Dr. Seuss. Many of these students received gift cards for their ingenious costumes.

No matter who the freshmen were, or were not, all danced the night away to the tunes of an excellent DJ. Hopefully, all the freshmen that went had fun as it was another successful night.



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King Alex Flynn and his girlfriend Jamie Bramlage.



Photo by Diane Ruth

Freshman Colonels in their crazy costumes.



## Loss of a Legend

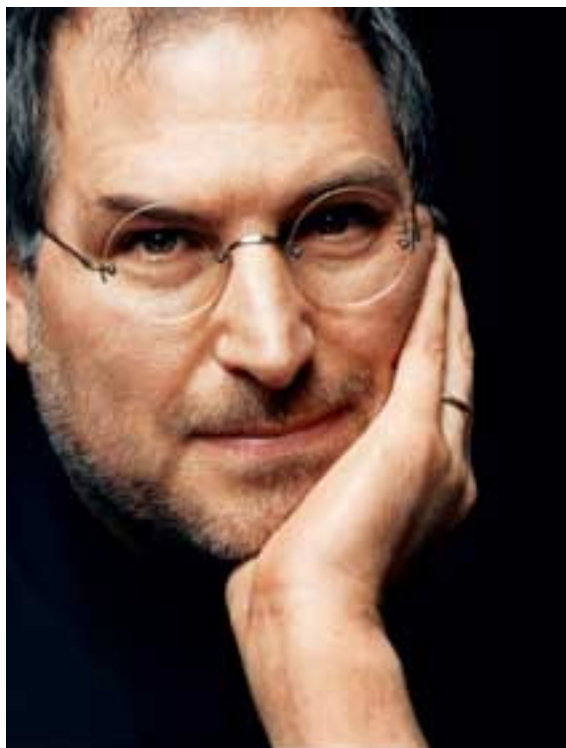
By: Charlie Mader

On February 24, 1955, the world as we knew it was poised to change forever. On that day, in San Francisco, California, a child by the name of Steve Jobs was born. Little did anyone know he would become one of the most influential entrepreneurs of all time. He lived a normal American life until he got to college. The average American would never think that a man of his prominence would not have completed a college education, but after one semester at Reed College in 1972, Jobs dropped out.

After dropping out of college, Jobs worked along with future Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, and Mike Markkula in Jobs parents' garage in San Francisco and then designed, created, and marketed a cutting edge and ground-breaking line of personal computers known as the Apple series. Little did the three men know what they created in that garage would turn into a household product. The rest is history.

On August 24, 2011, after 30 years of ground-breaking inventions like the iPod, iMac, iPad and the iPhone, Apple's Steve Jobs stepped down as CEO. He handed the company over to his life time partner Steve Wozniak due to a medical condition that at the time he had not yet revealed. Later, Jobs would reveal that he had been battling pancreatic cancer and his health was declining rapidly. On October 4, 2011, Apple announced its first product without Steve Jobs as the helm of the company. The new iPhone4s was announced and the hype around it created an optimistic environment for the newly changed company in Apple. Less than 24 hours later the ex-CEO Steve Jobs died his home in Palo Alto, California, at the age 56. The cause of death was officially listed as "respiratory arrest as the immediate cause of death, with metastatic pancreas neuroendocrine tumor" as the underlying cause.

Although Jobs died, his products will live with us forever. He not only created technology, he created a life style and gave inspiration to all. He battled his pancreatic cancer for seven years and continued to turn out great product after great product. He was a influential man and his life will be celebrated for many years to come as he still lives on through Apple.



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## Halloween Events

By: Alex Flynn

The leaves are changing and the temperature is dropping. Autumn is upon us. Along with autumn comes Halloween with all of its tricks and treats. Entertainment to celebrate the season is found all around whether it be nationally ranked attractions or a family-friendly day out.

### USS Nightmare

The USS Nightmare is a haunted steamboat on the Ohio River in Newport, Kentucky. A thirty minute bone-chilling tour is given of the steamboat which is enhanced with state of the art special effects and movie quality sound and lighting. The 2011 season for the USS Nightmare is its twentieth season of operation. The general admission ticket is priced at \$16. A second option is the RIP Express ticket which costs \$20 but allows the customer to skip the entire line.

### Halloween Haunt at Kings Island

The Halloween Haunt is in its fifth season over operation. Over 500 frightening creatures roam Kings Island hiding in the shadows just waiting for their opportunity to strike. The majority of Kings Islands main attractions such as The Beast and Diamondback are in full operation during Halloween Haunt. The Halloween Haunt is ranked in the top five in the country for an amusement park haunted experience. Admission is free with any admission ticket, priced at \$24.99 on Friday nights and \$29.99 on Saturday nights, or 2011 season pass.

### Coney Island Fall-O-Ween Festival

Coney Island's Fall-O-ween Festival is completely family friendly. It combines all of the sights, tastes, and smells of the fall season. Events are constantly rolling. There is a Trick or Treat Trail for children of all ages. All of the classic rides are in operation. Children can participate in Halloween crafts such as pumpkin painting. There is also a petting zoo which also offers pony rides. The "Monster Bash" is a children's entertainment play that performs every hour. All general admission tickets are priced at \$8.50.

Have fun as the seasons begin to change and the weather starts to get colder. Spend a night out with your friends or your family and just enjoy the moment.

## Taking Charge

By: Michael Best

One of the most painful and hardest things to do in basketball is take a charge on a player running full speed at you. The player has to sacrifice his body and stand defenseless in order to draw a foul on the opposing player.

In Phoenix, Arizona, 18-year-old Taylor Statham did something he usually never does – take a charge. This decision may have turned out to be the best decision of his life. After his prep school teammate gave Statham a knee below the belt, his groin was sore for the next couple weeks. When the pain became unbearable he decided to go to the hospital. The doctors told him that he had aggressive malignant form of testicular cancer.

With the support of his family and friends, Statham underwent surgery and two six-week chemotherapy sessions that caused him to lose most of the color in his skin, his hair, and over thirty-five pounds. After this long and grueling process the doctors announced that he was cancer-free in April. However, this news came too late in his recruiting process as colleges had already given out many of their scholarships. All of the Division I schools that were looking at him moved onto other athletes.

Fortunately, a small Division II college, California Baptist University, offered for Statham to try out for them. He performed excellently and was given a spot the team where he continues to perform well. He has maintained a strong and healthy lifestyle since his fight with cancer.

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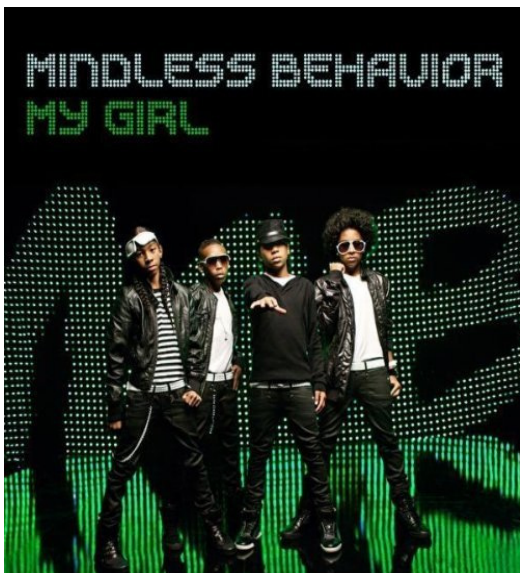
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## Mindless Behavior



By: Jimmy Tomlin

Do you like Boy-bands? If so, I have the group for you! Mindless Behavior is a group of four 13 year old boys whose music is an energetic fusion of pop, hip hop and R&B. This young group has the potential to transform the entire musical landscape as we know it.

Prodigy, Roc Royal, Ray Ray, and Princeton are the names of the boys in the group. Their sound resonates with lush harmonies and messages that speak to listeners of all ages. Mindless Behavior's upcoming album **#1 Girl** takes on teenage love in explosive party records. Songs in this album include "My girl," "Mrs. Right," and "1<sup>st</sup> Crush." Senior Charlie Mader talked about the group saying, "Mindless Behavior is like Justin Bieber times four. They are a very talented young boy group." Senior Eric Schneider also talked about the group saying, "Mindless Behavior has quickly become one of my favorite boy bands. I even have their poster in my locker."

Even though the members of Mindless Behavior are only 13 years old, their sound is universal and appeals to the masses. Do not be surprised if Mindless Behavior hits the top charts here in the near future.

## Nothing but the Beat

By: Joey Drees

David Guetta's new album *Nothing but the Beat* was recently released on August 29, 2011. Guetta is a very popular DJ worldwide that specializes in electronic/dance music. *Nothing but the Beat* is his fifth studio album. It released to mixed reviews from critics, but it still had a very successful launch. It peaked at fifth on US Billboard 200, and it reached first in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. The album is packed with rap and hip hop stars collaborating with Guetta, such as Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj, Usher, and many more.

*Nothing but the Beat* is very successful in what it plans to accomplish: to feature a star-studded lineup of current musicians performing catchy songs perfect for dancing. Almost every song on the album has an extremely catchy beat and melody. A few that really stood out to me when I listened to it the first time are "Where Them Girls At," "Without You," and "I Can Only Imagine." "Where Them Girls Out" was the first single for the album released by Guetta, and it features Nicki Minaj and Flo Rida. It is the catchiest song on the album that will probably end up being the one that everyone remembers most. "Without You," featuring Usher, is very different from the others songs on the album. Instead of having the sole purpose of being used for dance, the song features a great melody without sacrificing the electronic style of David Guetta. "I Can Only



Imagine" features Chris Brown and Lil Wayne on vocals. It is another good song for dancing, but it remains different enough from everything else to make it unique, which helps separate the monotony of the songs that sound the same. The song on the album that I despise the most is "I Just Wanna F." It features Timbaland and Dev, and it is a collaboration between David Guetta and Afrojack. I listened to the clean version of the song and was still disgusted by it. The vulgar lyrics sung by Timbaland and Dev are distasteful

and disrespectful, and the beat is so repetitive that it gets boring after about ten seconds. It is the only song on the album that I skipped every time it came on.

Overall, I would give *Nothing but the Beat* a 3/5. Listening to each track individually is definitely the way to go with this album, as it can get extremely repetitive when you listen to it all the way through. The tracks that stand out the most are "Where Them Girls At," "Without You,"

and "I Can Only Imagine." They are catchy just like most of the songs on the album, but they stand out above the rest because they are much more unique than everything else. This album is made almost specifically for parties. The songs are extremely catchy with great beats that are easy to dance to. Listening to the album straight through makes it seem bland after listening to only a couple songs. Guetta's album succeeds in its mission to be full of catchy songs meant for parties and dancing.

## A Man for All Seasons



By: Eric Torres

The lights came up and the narrator started his introductory monologue, explaining that the play would be viewed in the perception of the "common man." With a quick change of clothing and a tip of his hat, the narrator put on a guise of a humble manservant in the house of Thomas More and *A Man For All Seasons* began.

As the plot unfolded, a plot full of personal ambition, corrupted church and state politics, and inner conflicts of the soul, I found myself recalling little bits and pieces of my previous years of world history courses. It was a unique and intellectually interesting experience to see the people that I read about fleshed out on the stage. At the end of the first act I was baffled to discover that an hour and a half had passed, but nonetheless I was fully absorbed within the story.

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company did a superb job of immersing the audience within the story. The actors' individual performances were outstanding. Each character was a complete and essential aspect, and the dialogue was swift and comprehensible.

I would strongly recommend this play for anyone that is interested in a great story. The play itself is marvelous and the acting was seamless. I walked into the play lightly and walked out of the play contemplative.



## Century Inn

By: Ian Dollenmayer

I'll be honest; this review is somewhat more of a promotion. I have been to Century Inn many times after I first discovered it a couple of years ago. Since this glorious revelation, I have gone there almost two dozen times and have never been disappointed.

Nestled at a three-way intersection in Woodlawn, Century Inn has a welcoming, community atmosphere. It was originally a stop along the way for wagons and horse riders over two hundred years ago, but has evolved into a local restaurant favorite (or at least it is for me).

Their menu is American comfort foods—burgers, wraps, soups, sandwiches, full dinners, etc. It is classic food with great taste. My two favorite menu items are the grilled chicken wrap and the Santa Fe burger. The wrap is filled with tender grilled chicken, sautéed onions, tomatoes, and melted cheese. Dipped in Century's homemade ranch dressing, it is a delightful treat for lunch or dinner. By far the best burger I have had in the area, the Santa Fe burger is a quarter pound cooked-to-order slab of beef topped with cheese, lettuce, fried onions, Jamaican relish, and sliced jalapeños. It is spicy, juicy, and fantastic. Both of these entrees are perfect with Century Inn's excellent French fries.

The prices are moderate at \$8-15 per person. Not the cheapest burger or wrap in town, but I can guarantee it is one of the best. The service is fantastic. In fact, I have been there so often that the waitress on Thursday afternoons knows my order and does not even give me a menu.

Quaint location, decent prices, great service, and absolutely amazing food. How could you go wrong? Simple answer—you cannot. Put a little extra gas in the car and plot a course to 10675 Springdale Pike, Cincinnati, OH, 45215 to enjoy the spectacular dining experience of Century Inn.

## The Help



By: David Moser

Emma Stone, Viola Davis, and Octavia Spencer star in this infectious flick about women in Jackson, Mississippi, during the racial movements of the 1960's. Based off of Kathryn Stockett's critically acclaimed novel, Skeeter (Stone) is a young aspiring journalist who writes a book describing the conditions African American maids face in the white households they care for. Abileen (David) and Minny (Octavia) are two of these maids who lead the movement of segregation in their profession.

This movie will have your full attention with moments of gripping controversy and laugh-out-loud humor. Stone, Spencer and Davis all give performances worth a standing ovation. So if you feel like spending two and half hours at the movies this weekend, *The Help* is the right way to do it.

## A Classic Renewed

By: Nick Thelen

This past Saturday, I went to the movie theater to enjoy a movie of my childhood, *Lion King*. Only now it is *Lion King 3D*. I was unsure if the third dimension would help or hinder it, but I knew that the story would remain just as great as ever.

*Lion King* is one of Disney's classic motion pictures. It tells the tale of Simba, a young lion brought up to rule his kingdom, but tragedy strikes when his father is trampled in a stampede. The youngling runs away, leaving his uncle to take over the pride. Everything goes awry in the kingdom, but our story's little lion has no idea, as he is far away with his new pals. Simba grows up to be a powerful lion during his time away. Eventually, the hitherto adult lion returns to the pride-lands, battles his uncle, establishes his dominance over his rightful thrown, and everything goes back to normal. The End.

As a youngling myself, I was often moved to tears while viewing this movie. I was afraid that I might start bawling in the middle of the film when I went to see *Lion King 3D* over the weekend. I was also slightly apprehensive about the three dimensional aspect, as I tend to strongly dislike 3D films, and I wondered if a classic film would be ruined, or at least hampered. This was not the case, however, as the 3D was limited, but when used, it was used extremely well done. I felt that it added a new dimension to the film, literally and figuratively. The story remained unchanged, of course. Overall, I would give this film four out of five stars, due to its authenticity as well as being redone extremely well.

Go see it before it is no longer in theaters!

## Transformers: Dark of the Moon



By: Blake Perkins

In the third installment of the Transformers series, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, Michael Bay outdoes himself once again by creating another action-packed thriller that will keep viewers on the edge of their seat from the first minute.

Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf), with the help of new girlfriend Carly Spencer (Rosie Huntington-Whiteley), once again bears the responsibility of attempting to foil the plans of the Decepticons with the help of Bumble Bee, Optimis Prime, and all the other Autobots that have sworn to protect earth. As the battles ensue throughout the movie, seamless visuals, along with vibrant audio, help the action come into the viewers' world and make them feel as if they are a part of the battle against good vs. evil.

I strongly recommend this movie, not only because of the extreme fight scenes or the beautiful Rosie Huntington-Whiteley but the entire theatrical experience (they surely do not hurt though). So sit back and relax and take another journey through the world of Sam Witwicky.

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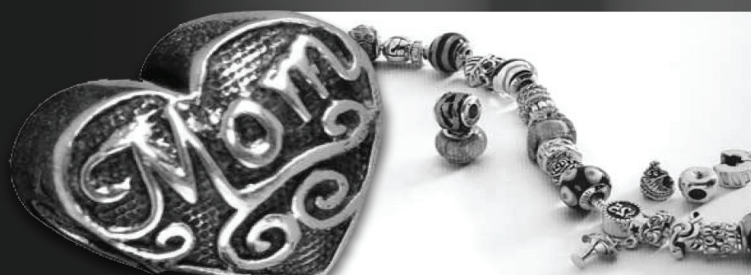


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## Taste of Ireland



Brian Fagel shows his superb Irish jig.

By: Joey Drees

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the band Silver Arms visited Cov Cath for a presentation on Celtic Music. The seniors and freshmen attended this assembly that was held in the Griffin Centre. The music that the band plays is pan-Celtic. They performed various types of Celtic music for the Colonels to enjoy, such as traditional reels, jigs, and other songs of Ireland.

Silver Arms was formed in 1990, and the band is made up of three members. Cindy Matyi plays the flute and concertina for the group and also provides vocals. She founded the Cincinnati Celtic Festival and was its artistic director for fifteen years. She is also an internationally known painter. Justin Bridges plays the fiddle for the band. Bridges has been to Ireland several times for competitions and to learn Celtic music from the best. Steve Matyi plays the banjo, guitar, and octave mandolin for Silver Arms. Other than being an exceptional musician, he is also a health care worker in Vascular Ultrasound.

This assembly was an excellent opportunity for the Colonels to broaden their horizons and hear music from other parts of the world. The students got involved with the music as much as possible, from clapping to keeping rhythm with the band, or singing along in one of the songs. Two students were able to get involved more than anyone else, though. When Cindy Matyi asked if there was anyone in the crowd who knew Irish dancing, seniors Gabe Gray and Brian Fagel answered the call. Although many people claimed that they did not really know any Irish dance moves, Fagel and Gray proved them wrong when they came up to the front and showed off their moves. The students had a great time listening to the Celtic music of Silver Arms while also being exposed to musical diversity.



NEHS President Ian Dollenmayer reads a poem.

## Rhymes, Rhythm, and Stage Combat

By: Nick Thelen

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company recently visited Covington Catholic High School on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Their purpose was to have an interactive session with students taking Drama and English IV AP, wherein they could teach about acting, as well as Shakespeare.

Gina Cerimele-Mechley and John Baccha taught the students dramatically inclined punching, stage falling, and facts about Shakespeare. They were also taught how to speak in *iambic pentameter*. Eric Schneider said about the Company's visit, " 'Jimbo Slice' and I learned how to do a fake 'clothes line'—it would fool anyone, even an NFL linebacker." It would seem the Shakespeare Company did an excellent job.

After the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company left, Drama and English students alike left the session with some new skills, as well as more knowledge about the way Shakespeare wrote his plays. It was indeed an enriching experience.

## The Sound of Steel

By: Blake Perkins

After a long day of PSAT and PLAN testing, the Sophomores and Juniors of Covington Catholic sat down to hear some relaxing steel drum music. They were fortunate enough to have the Bacchanal Steel Band based in Cincinnati to appease them.

The band came to school in order, not only to entertain the students but also to inform the students as to the making of their main instrument, the steel drum, and playing of their respective instruments that the band used. The band made out of the four members: Brian Malone (Tenor Pan), Jennie Malone (Double Second Pan), Bill Jackson (Bass) incorporated student participants and even a faculty member into the teaching of their instruments used by the band.

Once the instruction was over and the students had sat back down, the band began to put on the true show performing their own personal styling of calypso music, along with the music of world renowned artist Bob Marley.

With the school day at an end the students thanked the band and went on their way, whistling to the sounds and drumming their feet to the beat of the steel band.

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## A Night of Appreciation

By: Paul Kleier

The NEHS, a unique society of English scholars, focuses on bringing a love of English to Covington Catholic and to the community. On Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, members of the Covington Catholic faculty and staff joined the National English Honor Society for a garden party at school. This event, held in appreciation for the hard work the teachers put in all year, was a rousing success. Entertained by poem readings by club members and enjoy-

ing good snacks and drinks, the attending faculty members were able to enjoy a fun night.

Other events the NEHS participates in include readings at Madonna Manor and at Barnes and Noble, a coffee house at the end of the year, gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble, and pancake breakfasts. They are proud to be able to spread English around the community and be able to have fun doing it, and a good time was certainly had at the garden party.



## Colonels Rally in Remembrance

By: Michael Helton

Ten years ago, the most tragic event in American history occurred. The terrorist attack on the Twin Towers brought grief and suffering throughout the country. Our own community of Covington Catholic was deeply affected through the loss of fellow Colonel Brian Williams, a 1990 alumni. In his honor, students donned blue and white shirts reading "Remember 81," Brian's number, to the prep rally on September 9. The rally was televised by Fox 19 News as part of their Cincinnati Bell Friday Prep Rally program. It is intended to show local schools as they prepare for an upcoming football game.

The Colonels gave their all in performing their cheers. They covered everything from "The Roller Coaster" to "The Boxer" in order to show the world the Colonel Spirit. Meteorologist Frank Marzullo attended the event as the on-site reporter. Immediately, he was captivated by the immense spirit that poured out of each and every student. He even participated in the field goal competition to show off his athletic ability.

All in all, the rally lasted for about an hour and a half, but the Colonels never lost an ounce of spirit. They proved to the viewers that they truly possess A Spirit that Will not Die.



Senior Eric Torres questions the student body on their profession.

## We Love You Joe

By: David Moser



Joe and Mr. Barczak

The hallways of Covington Catholic will no longer be walked by the legendary custodian Joe Mangan. This past month, Joe received a higher position as head maintenance director at Newport Schools. Though it was Joe's decision to leave CovCath, he will always be a member of the Colonel community.

Whether he was cleaning the floors in the lunchroom or driving the bus to a big game, Joe would always be seen around the school helping out, socializing, and just being friendly. Though many people may not know him personally, a handful of students were lucky enough to go on the mission trip to Nicaragua with Joe. These students tell stories of Joe on the trip, being the comedian and cracking jokes the whole way. You could always rely on Joe not only to help but to also put a smile on your face.

When everyone received the news Joe was leaving it was obvious that he would be missed. During lunch of his final day, he led the Colonels in the fight song for one last time. That day, he drove the seniors on Big Blue to the senior mass at the Cathedral. Anyone who was on the bus could tell you of the memorable experience of cheering "We love Joe," almost the whole way back to school. Though Joe is gone during the school day he is still seen working at home football games and sometimes even coming over to drive the bus. No matter what, Joe will always be a Colonel who is both loved and remembered.

Photo By Diane Ruth

## Livin' It Up with Dad

By: Matthew Rolf

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Covington Catholic held its annual Father-Son Day. Students from every grade level were invited to spend a day of fun with their fathers.

The day began spiritually with a prayer service in the gym led by Father Gallenstein. Following the service, everyone was invited into the cafeteria to take part in the tasting and judging of chili for the renowned cook off. After everybody was able to grab a bite to eat and judge some chili, the sports events started. These events included golf (closest to the pin), field goal kicking, ultimate frisbee, touch football, volleyball, corn hole, home-run derby and dodge ball. Tickets were awarded for the participation in the different sports events and could be used to win various items, such as gift cards to restaurants and CCH spirit attire. The day concluded with a grill out of burgers, hot-dogs, and brats provided by Finke's Market.

This Father-Son Day turned out to be very successful and was enjoyed by everyone. A special thanks goes to Mike Schafer and all who helped make this day one that will be remembered forever.



Junior Alex Hodge and his dad try their hands at the Look-Alike Contest.

Photo By Diane Ruth

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Spirit Week

By: Blake Perkins

From the October 17 through October 21, Cov Cath turned into the creativity capital of Dixie Highway. The students as part of the school’s celebration of Spirit Week were asked to take part in the themes centered around each day of the week at school, as well as competitions during each of the lunch mods between students.

On Monday, the theme chosen was “Dress Like your Dad.” From army uniforms to full suits, the students were incognito as they tried their best to emulate their father’s profession. During the lunch mods the students partook in a chicken nugget-eating contest where the participants are required to eat 15 chicken nuggets in the shortest amount of time. The overall winner of the three mods was Gabriel Gray eating all 15 in an amazing 51 seconds.

Tuesday was used as an out-of-uniform day, raising 523 dollars to help Tom Ryan, a Cov Cath sophomore, as he tries to construct a stable for the Children’s Home in order to complete his Eagle Scout Project. The challenge undertaken by students during the three lunch mods was a wheelbarrow race. With teams representing each class, the seniors dominated the competition sweeping all three lunch mods.

At the midpoint of the week, students accessorized their uniforms by bringing in all of their most unique apparel to brighten the hallways. The students also flaunted their eccentric outfits during lunch as each

mod held their very own fashion shows.

If you forgot what it was like to be a sports fan from the 80’s, the Colonels made it easy for you to remember. On Thursday, Throwback Day saw the likes of Jordan, Johnson, and Bird having their respective jerseys walking around the hallways. Also, a dance-off took place during lunch where those that were willing to dance showed off their expertise while the rest of the students ate their lunch.

To wrap up the festivities of the week, the students of each grade had followed specific dress up themes: the freshmen inside-out and backwards, the sophomores as their favorite super hero, the juniors as nerds, and the seniors as their favorite teacher they have had while attending Cov Cath. The halls were filled with Superman and shirts stuffed with pillows trying to encompass Mr. Kaelin’s “larger than life” personality. An ice cream-eating contest was the final lunch time competition for the week with already eating champion Gabriel Gray trying to defend his title. After a double eat-off with sophomore Patrick Connaughton, Gabriel was able to reclaim his title.

With another successful week of Spirit Week completed, the students were forced to leave the super hero outfits in the closet and throw back on their normal outfits and return to the normal days of Covington Catholic.

All School Mass

By: Charlie Mader

All school masses are something that every student at Cov Cath cherishes. It is a time where everyone is able to come together and celebrate our faith. The all school mass that was held on Thursday, September 22 was more than just another usual mass. With news crews surrounding the congregation, the Covington Catholic community came together celebrate the opening of an scholarship fund in honor of Notre Dame student Maria Schaffstein.

Jim Wolfe and the Chamber Choir was one the main reasons the mass had the opportunity to announce the scholarship. The Chamber Choir sold over 1,000 copies to raise money for the scholarship. They were a part of the origins for the scholarship as well as the presentation as they serenaded the congregation with a beautiful arrangement of music. Their rendition of “I Can Only Imagine” brought together all the emotions of the Cov Cath Community that had been lingering in our hearts for the past two years.

The mass was a special one as it was concluded by a heartfelt thank you to Cov Cath community for all our support from Maria’s parents John & Eileen Schaffstein. With Father Gallenstien leading the mass beautifully as usual, the chamber choir serenading us with their melodic tunes, and the Schaffstein family in attendance, this was an all school mass that will be remembered for some time.

Schaffstein Scholarship

By: Eric Torres

Covington Catholic has created a scholarship in memory of Maria Schaffstein, called the Maria Schaffstein Memorial Scholarship.

In response to the terrible accident involving the seniors at Notre Dame and Maria’s passing, the Covington Catholic Community rallied around a project created by Jim Wolfe and the Chamber Choir—a recording of a CD titled *To Where You Are* in memory of Maria. The project soon spread across the community of Park Hills and Northern Kentucky, and over 1000 copies have been sold, raising more than 10,000 dollars to fund the scholarship, which will send one student to Covington Catholic next year.

A Commemoration Mass was held September 22, with music provided by Mr. Wolfe and the current chamber choir, where Mr. and Ms. Schaffstein briefly addressed the congregation after the mass. They also said that they would take personal roles in the selection process for the scholarship alongside the Covington Catholic admissions personnel. They ended by expressing their sincere thanks for the school’s support in the midst of the tragedy and effort in making something positive come out of it.



Photo by Ian Dollenmayer

Seniors commemorating their favorite teachers on Friday. Note: Mr. Jennings, long lost English teacher, makes an appearance in this photo.

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John and Eileen Schaffstein.



## Healthy Relationships

By: Joey Drees

On Monday, October 31, the Women's Crisis Center visited Cov Cath to give a presentation on healthy relationships. Ann Brandon and her team from the center provided statistics that showed how each and every one of us is affected by "red dots," or acts of power-based personal violence, and gave examples of ways to prevent these types of things from happening. The presentation introduced to the students the concept of a "green dot," and it provided possible situations that anybody could be involved in and solutions that could be employed to stop them.

The main point of the assembly was to explain the new concept of the green dot. A green dot is "any behavior, choice, word, or attitude that counters or displaces a red dot of violence." Mrs. Brandon presented a staggering statistic that put the whole concept into context. About 65% of us will never be a victim or the cause of a "red dot," but we will be involved in a situation where we will have a chance to stop it. There were three ways that were talked about that can be used to stop the violence: direct, distract, and delegate. Direct would involve confronting the situation directly, such as approaching someone who looks suspicious or someone who looks vulnerable and making sure nothing bad is going to happen. The example of distraction that Ann Brandon used was telling a friend that their car is being towed when you know they are about to do something that you know is wrong. This way, you are not challenging them head on but you still are able to do the right thing. Delegating is just talking about it. This way, you spread the word about how your friends and others can be green dots themselves.

The healthy relationships presentation educated and encouraged everybody to be a green dot. Everybody will be in a situation where they will have a chance to stop a red dot from happening, and they must be prepared to act to stop it. Hopefully this presentation will allow all the Colonels to be prepared when these situations occur. They will know what to do because they have been taught what to do and how to handle it. They will be the green dots.

## Pro-Life Speaker

By: Brad Kruempelman

On Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Covington Catholic student body and faculty assembled to hear Mrs. Rebecca Kiessling speak about being pro-life. Mrs. Kiessling is a family law attorney as well as an international speaker. She has appeared on numerous shows including the 700 Club and Good Morning America.

Mrs. Kiessling's speech was centered on her life story and how it made her pro life. She was conceived through a brutal rape. Later in life she found out that her mother wanted to abort her, but it was not legal at the time. After she finished Mr. Andolina took the podium and talked further about pro-life and what it means. He talked about joining the Pro Life Club and walking for life on Saturdays at Planned Parenthood.

Her story had a powerful message that seemed to resonate through the student body. Wherever you stand on the issue, you cannot dismiss her story. It is a story of strength and determination. The more stories like this you hear, the more strength the Pro-life community gets.

## The Standards of Standardized Testing

By: Chase Zimmer

We may hate it and we may love it, but we all have to do it at some point. Standardized testing is a big part of high school nowadays. Practice, practice, practice. That is what is always emphasized during the time of standardized testing. We must practice to prepare, and prepare to practice.

This October sophomore students will be taking the PLAN test along with the PSAT in preparation for future ACT and SAT testing. One student, Kyle Morris, voiced his opinion on the subject. When asked if he felt the pre-tests would prepare him for the ACT and SAT, he responded by saying, "Yes, I think it will. It will give me a good idea of how the ACT will be set up. I think it will be a good experience to have." Kyle also said he felt comfortable with his performance on the PLAN test and that he thought of it as an advantage on the ACT. Although, he was able to breeze through most sections, he found that he had some troubles in Math. "I struggled a little with math," said Kyle, "but that's probably just because we haven't had the time to learn everything yet."

Testing was not the only thing going on, though. After the class finished their long day of a gruesome exam, they were able to sit back and enjoy a movie. *Soul Surfer* was played following the test. I asked Kyle how he thought the day went, what did he like and dislike, he said, "Well, the testing wasn't fun, but it was cool getting to miss class all day!" Good for Kyle.

Standardized testing can be a pain for some, but for the most part it surely benefits students in the future.

## Survey Brings in Great Results

By: Paul Kleier

A few weeks ago, every student took a trip during their religion class to the second floor computer lab and completed a survey. This survey for Advanced Ed, a combination of Southern and Northwestern branches of the program, asked questions regarding students' feelings about Covington Catholic. After evaluating the surveys, it was found that the vast majority of the students had answered in the positive. Here are just a few things discovered from the surveys:

- Over 97% of students participate in extracurricular activities
- 99.6% of students have internet access at home
- 61% of students have relatives who are alumni of Covington Catholic
- Most students said they feel they will be able to be successful after high school and that they feel safe at school
- Most students have high spiritual values

These results say a lot about Covington Catholic. Our students are lively and active, they embrace their religious identities, and they feel empowered as a result of their school.

Although the survey only took around fifteen minutes to complete, it provided information that is vital to the further improvement of this already great school.

The survey has really shown a lot about Covington Catholic and it is a reflection of the students' thoughts.

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## Welcomed with Open Arms

By: Jacob Lange

Every year Covington Catholic High School receives many new students. These transfer students all come for their own different reasons. Every year these students are welcomed into the Cov Cath brotherhood with open arms. This year the school has welcomed eight new transfer students, five sophomores and three juniors.

These sophomore students include Trystan Washburn, Nick Ruthsatz, Brad Eilers, Austin Becknell, and Adam Hermann.

Trystan Washburn is a transfer student from Simon Kenton. Trystan chose Covington Catholic because all of his friends are here, and it is where his step-dad attended high school. Trystan thinks that the environment around school is a lot better here. He believes that there is more school spirit here. Trystan plans to be involved in cross country, basketball, and baseball during his time here at Cov Cath. Trystan thinks that our classes here are a lot harder, but he feels he learns a lot more.

Nick Ruthsatz is another one of the sophomore transfer students. Nick transferred to Covington Catholic from St. Anthony in New Jersey. Nick and his family followed his dad here when he accepted the varsity basketball head coaching job this summer. Nick hopes to be able to play for his dad once the basketball season kicks off. Nick enjoys the atmosphere of Cov Cath, he feels very accepted by everyone in the school. One thing about the school that came as a surprise to Nick was that the classes he is taking are a lot more difficult than the ones he was taking back in New Jersey.

Brad Eilers is a transfer student from St. Henry District High School. He transferred here because he lived in Edgewood, and a lot of his friends go here. Brad loves the atmosphere around school and at the sporting events. "It's crazy and everyday I have fun,

the cheering sections are unbelievable," Brad said about our overall atmosphere and spirit of the school. Brad plans to get involved with the Fishing Club, bowling, and swimming teams. When asked about the classes Brad said, "They are harder and more time-consuming."

Austin Becknell is a transfer student from Ludlow High School. Austin chose Covington Catholic because he wanted to get the best education that he could get. "I find it less stressful and more comfortable," Austin said about our atmosphere here at Covington Catholic. Austin is a part of the B.U.G. Club, Pro-Life Club, and the newly added Creative Writing Club. Austin thinks that the classes here are much harder, but he likes that because he wants a challenge so that he can be better prepared for college.

Adam Hermann is a sophomore transfer student from Lloyd Memorial High School. Adam chose Covington Catholic over all the other possible schools because of our academics. Adam wished for a higher level of education. Adam thinks that the atmosphere around school is great. "It's a lot different, more focused on learning, and you can tell that the teachers actually care," Adam said about Covington Catholic. He said that he gets a lot more homework. During his time here at Cov Cath he wishes to get involved in many clubs and activities.

The juniors that have transferred from other schools include Dalton Davis, Chris Rogers, and Wheeler Blersch.

Dalton Davis is one of the junior transfer students this year. Dalton transferred from Oswego in Illinois. Dalton chose to come to Covington Catholic because his parents were looking for a good academic and religious school. Dalton enjoys the environment and atmosphere that is around Covington Catholic everyday of the school year. Dalton wishes to

get involved in the golf team, as well as the Ambassador's Club. He believes that the classes here are harder, and more challenging which gives a good reputation to our curriculum.

Chris Rogers is another junior transfer student this year. Chris transferred from St. Henry District High School. Chris chose Covington Catholic because he remembered shadowing here when he was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and remembered how it seemed to be a fun place to go to school. When asked about the atmosphere around school on a day to day basis Chris said, "The atmosphere is great. There is a large amount of school spirit." Chris wants to get involved in the Engineering Club, and the Ski Club while at Covington Catholic. Chris finds the classes here to be more mentally challenging, but in a good way.

Wheeler Blersch is a junior transfer student. Wheeler transferred from Turpin. Wheeler is already a well known student by the upperclassmen because many of the students have grown up playing club soccer with or against him. Wheeler came to Covington Catholic wanting to be a member of the soccer team. He made the team and has shown that he is one of the soccer Colonels' star players at the position of striker. Wheeler loves the environment and the spirit of the school, and also thinks that the classes are very challenging.

All of the transfer students this year have had a great time and love our school. What seemed to stick out and shock these students were the difficulty of the classes and the spirit and environment of our school. This sends out a positive message about our school. We are glad that the students have had such a great time here at Covington Catholic and hope that they have many more good memories throughout the rest of their years here at our school. It is great to know that they have been welcomed into the Cov Cath community with open arms.

## Swimming Over Seas

By: Chase Zimmer

Is he a fish or is he human? Or he is a mix of both? Max Williamson, a junior, recently took a trip to Osaka, Japan, to compete internationally for a swimming competition. How did he qualify for such an event? He had to compete against other US swimmers. He placed and is ranked first among swimmers of age sixteen and twenty-first out of every swimmer in the nation. Some would say he is a freak of nature.

Max swam in three events. He competed in the 400IM (individual medley), the 200IM, and the 200free. He placed bronze in the 400 and silver in the 200... Out of everyone in the world. He was a vital member to the US National team in Japan. But swimming isn't all he did. Max enjoyed 10 days of Japanese culture. "I like the culture," Max said, "it was a very neat and different experience." Although the culture was great he said it was hard getting used to the food. After ten days of sushi, Max was ready for a good American cheeseburger.

Max thought this was a great experience and an awesome trip. He hopes to be competing in more events like this in the future and is eagerly looking forward to the upcoming CCH swimming season. Max plans to be the next Michael Phelps in the next couple of years. When asked if he was going to go to the Olympics in the future, his response was, "That's the plan." Good luck to Max in the future. Let's hope he can meet his dream.



Max Williamson and a couple of ladies take in the Japanese sights.

Photo by someone who was with Max at the time.



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## Senior Mass

By: Michael Best

Every year all the seniors from the various Catholic schools in the Diocese gather at the Cathedral in Covington to participate in a large mass. This mass is always conducted by Bishop Foys and different priests throughout the area.

The schools that attend this mass are Bishop Brossart, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Holy Cross, Newport Central Catholic, Notre Dame, St. Henry, St. Patrick, and Villa Madonna. All the seniors were looking their best to impress the Bishop. Cov Cath stood out above the rest as they wore their classic white collar shirts and their unique blue and white striped CCH ties.

The most talented singers from all the schools combined their voices and formed a chorus that was directed by Mr. Jim Wolfe from Covington Catholic and Ms. Eileen Bird from St. Henry District High School. Solos were sung by Jackie Gedney of St. Henry and Eric Torres of Covington Catholic. This chorus sang beautifully, and the Bishop was exceedingly impressed.

At the beginning of mass Bishop Foys promised the seniors that if everyone fully participated and sang, then he would give them the following day off. The Bishop has traditionally always granted them this day off but he makes the seniors earn it. After he proposed this offer all the students were determined to get off that day.

As the mass came to a close, the seniors were anxious to see whether or not the bishop would follow in his tradition or not. When Bishop Foys was giving his final prayers and closing remarks, he announced to everyone that all the seniors would not have school on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The only school that was not off on Friday was Notre Dame because they had grandparents' day on Friday. They were given the following Monday off instead.



Our illustrious seniors wait for Mass to start with a variety of facial expressions.

## Hope Box Derby

By: Charlie Mader

Community Service is something that we take with great pride at Covington Catholic. We are very blessed to walk through the halls of Cov Cath everyday and students will do whatever it takes to "rally round" and help out the less fortunate.

On a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon on September 11, while most students were resting after a long night of cheering at the football game against Boone County, 14 students sacrificed their time and energy to help volunteer at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Health Point Hope box Derby. They Colonels helped the event get off to the races by managing many festivities including soapbox car races, car shows, kids' activities, inflatable bouncy rooms and slides, and serving food Sub Station II, Snappy Tomato Pizza. The event took place at the empty lot by Fort Wrights Summit across the street for St. Angus.

All the events proceeds went to Health Point's Pike Street Clinic. The Clinic is the only organization in Northern Kentucky that provides medical care and prescription drugs at zero cost to homeless people. The money they received then went straight to the Homeless of Covington. Over 2,800 homeless patients make visits to the walk-in clinic. This year the Colonels time and effort helped rise over \$33,000. As it was eloquently stated by volunteer Nick Weber "It was another amazing demonstration of our spirit and pride and overall was an amazing success."

## Service and Leadership

By: Ian Dollenmayer

On Thursday, October 6, 2011, a group of hand-picked Covington Catholic Students went to the Antony Muñoz Youth Leadership Seminar. Held at Xavier University's Cintas Center, the gathering of thousands of tri-state area students focused on effective leadership and community service.

The day kicked off with music from Group One Crew. Anthony Muñoz then spoke for roughly ten minutes on how he faced the adversities in his life and remained a strong person despite them. After Muñoz came another speaker—Zach Hunter. Hunter is a nineteen-year-old college student who started a philanthropic organization, *Loose Change to Loosen Chains*, aimed at funding actions for the abolishment of slavery worldwide. His talk showed the students that it is possible to have a dramatic effect on the community and the world, even at a young age.

Next, each school group paired up with another school to discuss potential service projects. The service projects were texted in to a specific number for the Youth Leadership Seminar. Whichever project was deemed to be the most effective would be given two-thousand dollars of funding by Muñoz. The second place project would be given one-thousand dollars.

After a short lunch break, Group One Crew played a few more songs. Following their performance, Bart Campolo spoke on how life is meaningless without love. After his talk, Muñoz, the two speakers, and a member of Group One Crew came out and answered questions texted in by students in attendance.

With that, the day ended with some final notes from Steve Holt, the master of ceremonies. It was a day of learning how to be a leader, how to help others, and how to do so with integrity.

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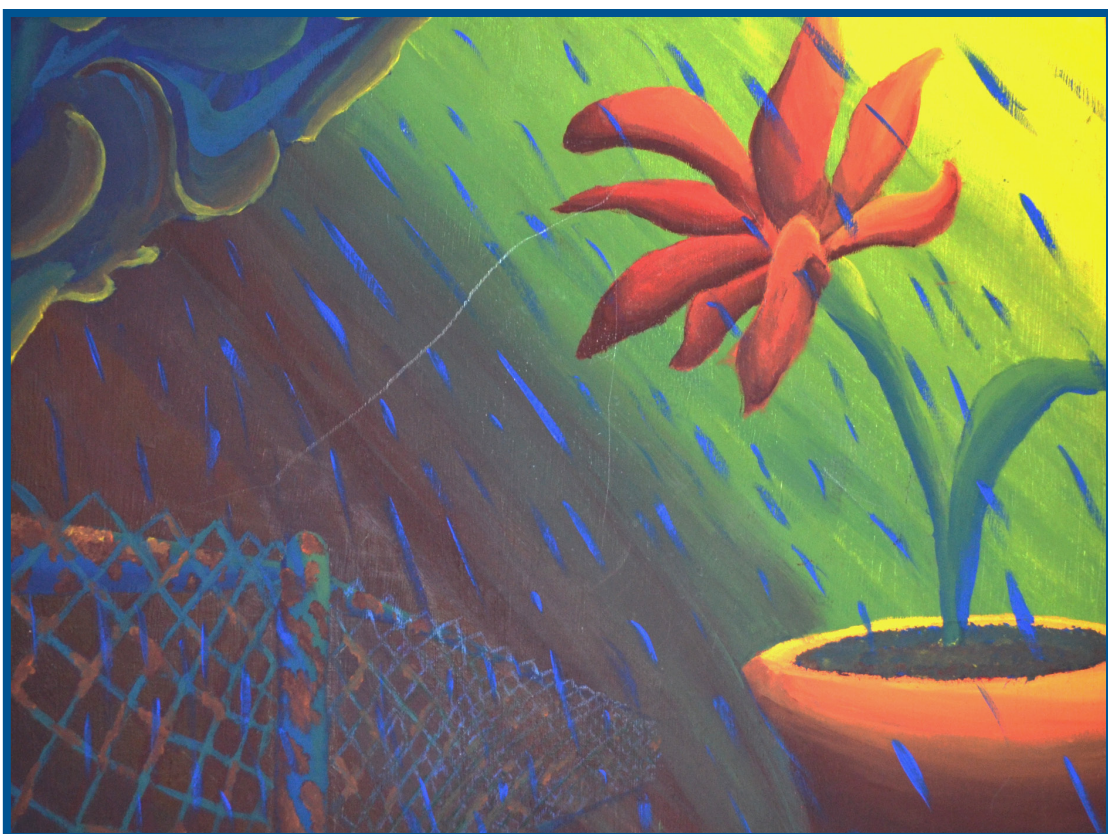




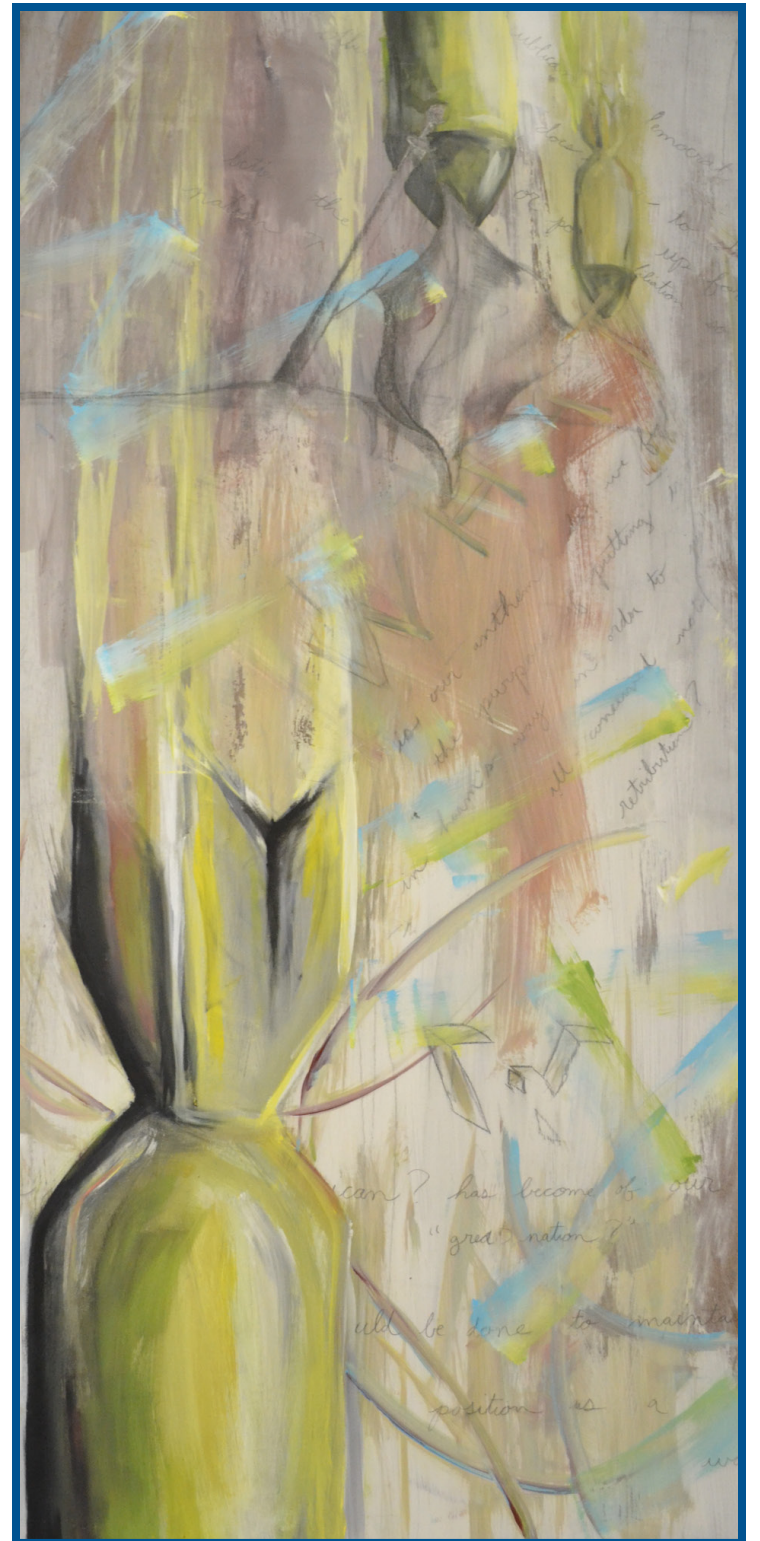
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## Engineering Club

By: Blake Perkins

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Engineering Club kicked off another year of activities. With the first meeting of the year Mr. Hartman, the club moderator, laid down the basic rules of the club for the newcomers. During the meeting the students were informed on the possible engineer speakers. Mr. Hartman discussed his hopes of being able bring in engineers in the biomedical, environmental, and acoustical fields to discuss their professions with the club members.

The main topic of the meeting, however, was the decision on what projects the club would be completing during the course of the school year. Multiple projects were taken in to consideration, but after much deliberation two projects were chosen: the construction of a catapult and model boat. The model boat that members will be responsible for constructing will be required to be made out of duct tape and cardboard, have ability to hold two students, and be rowed across a pool. The second project, a catapult, will be judged based upon its firing power and accuracy when hurling objects at specific targets.

If current students are interested in joining the club, they can talk to either Mr. Hartman or Mr. Lubbers about admission. Also, engineers that would be willing to come and talk to the club would be welcomed. If you are interested in the opportunity, please contact either teacher through the school's main office.

## Check Mate



The chess action "heats up" with Ryan Basford.

By: Eric Schneider

Covington Catholic students enjoy showing off their talents in all aspects, including the good old game of chess. The Chess Club began their weekly meetings at the beginning of October, in which students compete in chess matches at Substation II up the road from CovCath.

Headed by Mr. McCoy, President Sam Mullen, VP Alex Tilford, and Secretary Bryan Metzger, the Chess Club invites all who take pride in their chess-playing abilities to compete on Tuesdays at Substation. There are no specific requirements to join the club. All that is necessary to join is to "show up," according to the club leaders. All are welcome.

The regular meetings throughout the year also aid in preparation for the annual Covington Catholic Chess Tournament held in the spring. The Chess Club is another chance for students to enjoy what they love at CovCath. The invite is out there for everyone to join. What will be your next move?

## Academic Team



Mr. Balskus ain't gonna worry about it.

By: Ryan Dickmann

Meeting every Tuesday morning in the Griffin Center for sparring sessions, the Academic Team is hard at work memorizing authors, calculating math problems, and at least attempting to answer questions about ballet and classical music. They work hard knowing that after school their reaction times and expansive intellects will be tested.

The academic warriors have been off to a great start this year! The Colonels began their season with a 2-3 record; a tremendous improvement over last year's winless season. With both of their wins being away, it is obvious that they prefer to humiliate the opposition on their own turf. The matches at home are located in the newly christened "House of Pain", a repurposed day-care room. This new location is welcomed by the team, who has never had a place of their own to compete and practice in. Mr. Balskus, the coach, is hoping to one day have Jumbo Tron where he can play slow motion replays of team captain Jim Nutter pressing his buzzer.

The team hopes to continue their relative success for the rest of the year. Although they can do it without the support of the student body as in years past, I am sure that any support from their classmates would be appreciated.

## Graphic Design Club Kicks It Off

By: David Moser

As the new school year begins, the beginning of many new clubs is kicking off throughout the Colonel community. One of these new clubs is the Graphic Design Club led by CAD and Graphic Design teacher Mr. Cleveland. The purpose of the club is to explore graphic design and what it really is and how it affects our community.

The new club will be partaking in many activities and projects to benefit themselves and the rest of school. So far the "graphic designers" plan to raise money through many different ways such as a Colonel Crazies T-shirt contest and a coffee and donuts breakfast before school. This money will go towards the club projects including a jack-o-lantern design contest. Mr. Cleveland also spoke of even having off campus activities to see how graphic design is used in our community. The club plans on possibly visiting few of the design firms in the area and even visiting a haunted house.

If you have not signed up it is not too late. The club meets on Thursday mornings at 7:20 and is open to anyone in the CovCath community. Just come visit Mr. Cleveland or Josh Kissel, the clubs president, for information on how to join.

## Wash for Life

By: Brady Reese

The Pro-Life Club was formed last year by Coach Andolina. Senior Drew Bamberger is the student president. On September 24, Coach "A" and 20 students from Covington Catholic High School held a car wash to raise money. The event lasted 5 hours. With the help of many girls from Notre Dame Academy, the Pro-Life Club was able to raise 1,200 dollars to donate to the cause.

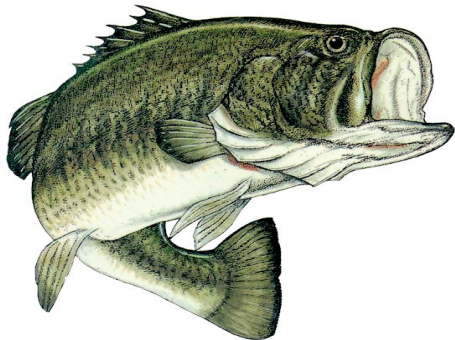
The car wash was the first fundraiser the club put together and it was a success. The money was donated to women who decided not to have an abortion and needed help raising their child. The Pro-Life Club also walks on the first Saturday of every month in hopes to the end of abortion. All people who are pro-life are welcomed to join.

The club currently has around 100 members and is open to anyone. Please see Coach Andolina for a signup sheet. The Pro-Life Club is planning more fundraisers for women in need.

A large advertisement for ZALLA COMPANIES. The top half features a photograph of a large, multi-story brick building with a classical architectural style, identified by a sign as the "CHAMBER CENTER". Below the photo, the text reads "Proud Supporter of Covington Catholic Colonels!". At the bottom, the ZALLA COMPANIES logo is displayed, along with the website "zallacompanies.com" and the phone number "859.341.5523". A tagline at the very bottom states: "Providing professional offices, retail space and industrial locations in Northern Kentucky."



# Take the Bait (Fishing Club 2011)



By: Jacob Lange

This year’s Fishing Club has more participants than ever before. There are.....students who have joined the Fishing Club for this school year hoping that the fish take their bait. Once again the Fishing Club is moderated by Mr. Snyder. Mr. Snyder arranges a date, typically on Sunday, for the club to meet at a local lake to spend the afternoon fishing. Any student is able to participate in the club. The only requirements to join the club are that each student needs to have their own fishing equipment, and they must have their permission slip signed and turned in before showing up to the next outing. Before every fishing outing, there announcements telling the members of where to meet, and Mr. Snyder also provides written directions for those students who do not know how to get to the new lake. The club’s first meeting was at Mr. Snyder’s lake. Twenty-three students showed up on a wonderful afternoon for fishing. The only bad part of the day was that the fish were not biting. Only seventeen fish were caught at the end of the day. Even though not many fish were biting, the fish that were caught were of a pretty good size. There were even two BIG fish that were caught. One of the fish even broke the hook off of one of the lines. Overall it was a good first outing for the fishing club and the members hope for more fun outings like this one. They just hope that more fish are caught, and not as many hooks are broken. The Fishing Club is always open to new members to come out and join in their festivities and outings. Students interested in still joining the club can listen to the announcements for the next fishing outing. Mr. Snyder is always welcoming new members as long as they have their own equipment and come ready to fish.



He caught a fish.

# Wiffle-Mania 2011

By: Chase Zimmer

Going, going, gone! That was the story of this year’s fall wiffleball tournament. Twelve teams entered the fierce competition to try to prove their wiffle-glory. But who would come out on top? On Friday October, 7 after SuperHike the journey would begin. It all started with a saucy first round matchup between Team Tomlin and Team Zimmer. This matchup would later on prove to be immensely important. It was a pitching duel for the ages. Seniors Corey Severson and Chase Zimmer were the aces on the hill. They proved to be too much for the opposing offenses, striking out every batter they faced. They were mowing down batters left and right. In the end Team Tomlin came out on top with a win in home run derby. After their big win the team went on to win one more game then lose one more. They would eventually have a rematch with Team Zimmer which ended in the same result as the last time they faced off. Jake Lankheit won in home run derby once again. This knocked out Team Zimmer which was their biggest competition in the tourney. Team Tomlin would eventually go on to face the faculty in the championship round. It would prove to be a fantastic matchup. It was Severson vs. Mr. Haders on the mound, two aces on the hill. Once again, both teams were held scoreless until home run derby. Jake was to square off against Mr. Lubbers in extras. It was set up to be a daring matchup, but Mr. Lubbers proved to be no chance against the reliable Lankheit. Team Tomlin came out victorious in the first game of this three game series. Game 2 would turn out to be the best of the day. It would be Severson and Haders again as the pitching duel. Same pitchers, same result, no score at the end of four innings. But then, a star arose. Charlie Mader stepped up to bat in the fifth inning with one out and the game on the line. He fell behind in the count by getting a strike on him early. Suddenly, BAM! The extraordinary had happened. He roped a home run off the undefeatable Mr. Haders. It would be the game winner and the most important hit in the tournament. “I was nervous when we were put in the losers bracket, but luckily with Sevy’s pitching and Charlie’s hitting, we were able to pull it out in the end,” said captain Jimmy Tomlin. Team Tomlin came out victorious over the faculty with a 1-0 upset. Congratulations to Jimmy Tomlin, Charlie Mader, Corey Severson, Jake Lankheit, Seattle Stein, and Brady Reese.



Photography by Diane Ruth

Adam Mardis throws a strike

# Hola! From the Spanish Club

By: Eric Schneider

At Covington Catholic there is a club fit to anyone’s liking. For the Spanish language scholars and enthusiasts, there is the Spanish Club. Headed by Mrs. Rasp, Covington Catholic’s Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 teacher, the club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The first meeting was held recently, which kicked off the year for the club. In their first meeting, the club elected Eric Schneider and Mitchell Dehlinger as president and vice president, respectively. The members of the Spanish Club also discussed future plans, such as a trip to a Mexican restaurant, mass at Christo Rey church, and volunteer work for the Cincy Cinco Spanish festival in May. All students are eager to take part in the excitement of the Spanish Club, especially with the possibility of a trip to Chipotle (join Spanish Club and you too could be dining at Chipotle...). Any student interested in joining this elite club is more than welcome. Meetings will be announced throughout the year, and Mrs. Rasp always appreciates new members. The excitement of a new year is in the air, as Spanish scholar Matt Rolf exclaims, “I can’t wait to get my Spanish on!”



## Road to Region

By: Sean Kiely

As always, the varsity golf Colonels are having a very solid year, which is no surprise coming off a regional championship year last year. Led by seniors Seattle Stein, a 3-year varsity letterman, and Sean Kiely, a 2-year varsity letterman, the Colonels are poised to make a run to the region title again. The golfers are also very deep with young talent like juniors Austin Beck, Alex Scanlon, and Joey Kendall, and sophomores Brett Baueries and Merik Berling.

They got off to a hot start finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Catholic Cup and the Taylor County Invitational. At the invitational, Brett Baueries finished 7<sup>th</sup> individually with a great round from of a 75 and team score of 311. The Colonels followed these great performances in the following weeks with a win against St. Xavier of Cincinnati at Hyde Park CC, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Cougar Classic, and a respectable 12<sup>th</sup> place finish at Kentucky Invitational Tournament. At the K.I.T., Sean Kiely led the Colonels with a big round of 72 and earning him a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish individually. The golfers struggled the next couple weeks but still managed to pull out a win against Ryle and Highlands, and a fantastic 9<sup>th</sup> place finish in The Classic hosted by George Rogers Clark. Coming down the home stretch to Conference, the Colonels stepped it up a notch with a win against Boone County and Highlands, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Grant County Invitational, and a great 3<sup>rd</sup> place at their own tournament, the Steve Flesch Invitational. Seattle Stein led the Colonels with an outstanding performance and tying for first which sent him into a playoff against two St. Xavier of Cincinnati. This is what he had to say of his great day on the links, "Everything was falling in place today and it was a worry-free round." At the Conference Tournament, the Colonels had a rough day as it was raining consistently for the whole round. Even with all the distractions the golfers still placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a solid round from Merik Berling, including a hole-in-one on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole at Hickory Sticks. Merik Berling said of his hole-in-one, "It just went in, I couldn't believe it."

The golfing Colonels play for and defend their regional title on September 26 at Boone Links Golf Course. Good Luck to the Seattle, Sean, Austin, Brett, and Merik as they play for the regional championship and the rest of the year.



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Seattle Stein putts for a win.



## Intramural Bowling

By: Michael Helton



Wednesday, September 14, marked the beginning of what is perhaps the most anticipated competition of skill, endurance, and will to fall annually upon Covington Catholic High School—Intramural Bowling. Once Mr. Kaelin collected the money 5<sup>th</sup> period, it was on. A tension settled throughout the hallways as thick as the grime on the finger holes of a bowling ball. Glares shot back and forth between rival teams. Competitors practiced their form any chance they could get throughout the day. It was evident that they meant business. At 2:30 P.M., the bell heard round the world rang out. Students knew that things would never be the same.

The matches began promptly around 4ish. Bowlers traded strikes and spares left and right. Cheers of celebration mixed with distraught groans of defeat. The crash of pins, which began as a sporadic din, quickly erupted into a symphony of percussion. When the smoke cleared after week 10, Team Lange came out on top with a total score of 13,851. Team Bitter followed with 13554, and close behind was Team Basford, raking in 5715 in the Junior/Senior League. The Freshman/Sophomore League concluded with Team Hacker leading, Team Mando in second, and Team Voorhees taking the third place spot after four weeks.

The outings have so far been a success. Upon leaving the alley, tears of joy, envy, and self pity were shed. The competitors gather again every Wednesday to protect their titles, or redeem themselves. Only time will tell who the real "King Pin" will be.

## Cross Country Gives One Final Effort

By: Alex Flynn

On November 5<sup>th</sup> the Colonels walked onto the regional course at Sherman Elementary School with one goal: to beat Lexington Catholic and bring the regional title back into their own hands after Lex Cath took it away from them last year.

Lexington Catholic was the heavy favorite going into the race. No one predicted that the Colonels even had a chance to break up Lex Cath's powerful three front runners. When the gun went off, all predictions were gone; the only thing left was the actual race.

The Colonels started strong and never let up. They were out to earn the respect that should have already been given to them. Brian Menke was running the race of his life and finished fourth with a 17:06. Then the Colonels kept on the attack with a sixth place finish by Brayden Schlagbaum, an eighth place finish by Christian Greenwell, a twelfth place finish by Alex Flynn, a thirteenth place finish by Jacob Condon, a sixteenth place finish by Grant Guenther, and a nineteenth place finish by Sam Ruwe.

Unfortunately, the Knights also ran extremely well with their best runner finishing first overall, closely followed by a third place finish. Coach Arnold was extremely worried towards the end of the race. "I was about 800 meters from the finish line yelling at all the runners. I was really worried that Lex Cath had too many men in front of us," said Arnold. "I sprinted to the finish line, and I was ecstatic to see Greenwell, Flynn, Condon, and Guenther all pass Lex Cath runners in the final stretch of the race. It completely changed the outcome of the race"

The Colonels edged the Knights by two points in order to secure the regional title for the third time in four years. With their first place finish, they qualified to participate in the state meet.

The Colonels proceeded to the state meet where once again they were given no respect. Although they were ranked second in the state, no one predicted them to finish higher than fourth.

Again, the Colonels ran to earn the respect they thought they deserved. Although

North Oldham was the heavy favorite, they continued to push in the hopes of an upset. Once again, Brian Menke led the Cov Cath pack with a seventeenth place finish and a time of 17:30 and was closely followed by Brayden Schlagbaum in nineteenth. Jacob Condon came in forty-third, then Alex Flynn in sixtieth, Christian Greenwell in seventieth, Sam Ruwe in eighty-second, and Grant Guenther rounded out the Colonel pack in ninety-ninth.

When all was said and done, the Colonels walked up on the podium to receive the third place trophy. North Oldham pulled away with a victory by a large margin and Martha Layne Collins High School barely passed the Colonels by a slim twenty-four points.

Coach Arnold was proud of his Colonels. "I was so happy with the way everyone raced. I know some of the boys would have liked the runner-up trophy, but they gave it their all and that's all I asked of them."

## Intramural Golf

By: Jimmy Tomlin

Do you like golfing? Intramural Golf is for you. If you love golf but aren't the greatest at it, Intramural Golf is a good way to get out on those links and have a good time.

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## Freshman Football



By: Sean Baute

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Jack Schrage kicks off the game.

The Freshman Colonels started off their season with an undefeated 3-0 record, but lately have come to lose two of their last three games.

On Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> the Colonels lost a hard fought battle against the Little Colonels of Dixie. The game wasn't decided until the last two minutes of the fourth quarter. Dixie started off the scoring summary with a touchdown, but the Colonels immediately answered with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Wagner to Ficke. The Colonels recorded another touchdown when Wagner connected with Logan McDowell for an 8-yard score. Despite this

lead, the Colonels gave up two unanswered touchdowns, one being a 53-yard run by Dixie's quarterback with 1:49 left in the game. The Colonels were defeated 21-14.

Looking for redemption from their loss to Dixie, the Freshman Colonels came into the Ryle game with a look of focus and determination. They took an early 14-0 lead with a touchdown pass from Wagner to Ficke and a touchdown run from Gus VonLehman. Ryle tied it up at 14, but Gus VonLehman broke free on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 for a 56-yard touchdown to ensure the Colonel victory.

On Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> the Freshman Colonels traveled to Highlands to face off against Cov Cath's biggest rival, the Bluebirds. The Bluebirds got on the board first with a touchdown pass, but the colonels came back with a 12-yard touchdown

pass from Wagner to Ficke midway through the second quarter. However the PAT was missed so the Bluebirds held a 7-6 lead. Highlands answered with another touchdown pass to take the 14-6 lead, but on the ensuing kickoff, McClure returned it for an 81-yard touchdown. The Colonels went for the 2 point conversion, but were stopped short. The Colonels went into halftime trailing 14-12, but could never put anymore points up and ended up losing by that same score.

The Freshman Colonels now have a record of 4-2 and hope to finish their season off strong with a regional title.



## Junior Varsity Football



By: Michael Best

As the Varsity football team has had an excellent season so far, the JV team has not had the same success.

On September 26, the 2-3 JV Colonels traveled to Ft. Thomas to square off with the Bluebirds of Highlands in a very physical and hard-hitting game. Highlands started off on top 7-0 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Cov Cath's quarterback Matt Summe threw a 31 yard touchdown pass to Evan Braun to cut the lead to 7-6 with a missed extra point. The Bluebirds scored two more times in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to take a commanding 21-6 lead going into halftime. However, the Colonels were not done scoring. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Sam Dressman ran in a touchdown from 6 yards out to make the score 21-13. The Colonels' efforts were great, but in the end they came up short losing the game 21-13.

Two weeks later, the Colonels invited the Highlands Bluebirds over to Wooten Field for another showdown that was sure to be another great game. The game started just like last time with Highlands striking first and going up 7-0. Halfway through the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, quarterback Matt Summe rolled out to his left and made some shifty moves to get into the end zone. Two more touchdowns were added by Highlands in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters to go up 21-7. With time winding down the Colonels handed off to Sam Dressman who made a Marshawn Lynch type run to score and cut the lead to 7. After a failed onside kick attempt, the Bluebirds ran out the clock and the Colonels fell short again to the Birds.

After two weeks of intense physical football, the Colonels had another tough game as the powerhouse GCL team Cincinnati St. Xavier came over to Wooten field to face the Colonels. The Bombers of St. X took a quick 21-0 lead with time winding down in the first half. To keep the game close quarterback Matt Summe threw a beautiful 39-yard strike to receiver Matt Schmahl. St. X got the ball at halftime and scored on their first drive to make it 28-7. Scoring stalled until in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when Summe and Schmahl hooked up again on a 31-yard TD pass to make the score 28-14. When the Bombers got the ball back they drove the length of the field, controlling the ball for over six minutes then ending the drive with a touchdown. With only fourteen seconds left, Summe threw a 64-yard bomb to the open wide receiver Samuel Hatter on a broken play which made the score 35-21. The Colonels gave a valiant effort but there was not enough time on the clock to make a memorable comeback.

The Colonels finished the season with a record of 2-6. Congratulations to the JV football Colonels and coaches on a great and exciting season.

## Varsity Football

By: Matthew Rolf

After the heartbreaking loss to Highlands, the Varsity football team traveled to Falmouth to take on the Wildcats of Pendleton County. The Colonels took out their frustrations on the Wildcats, defeating them 64-0. Senior Gabe Gray and Sophomore Sam Dressman each reached the end zone three times, and Junior Bobby Beatrice also caught two touchdowns of 35 and 3 yards. The defensive forces of Covington Catholic held the Wildcats to 10 yards of total offense, and recorded their first shutout of the year.

Their next opponents were the Harrison County Thoroughbreds. The Thoroughbreds were coming off a horrible loss to some scrub team from Fort Thomas, and they came out fired up. Their efforts were not enough, however, as Blake Bir and the Colonels' offense ended up victorious. The final score was 55-7.

Next the Colonels were visited by the Holmes Bulldogs for the Homecoming game. The Bulldogs did not even put up a fight. The Colonels won 63-0, outscoring their last three opponents 182-7. The win was bittersweet for the team. In the first quarter of the game, Senior Offensive Linemen Jake Henderson went down with an apparent knee injury. They later received news that Henderson needed surgery and would miss the rest of his senior season. "It's a shame that Jake got hurt," says Senior Wide Receiver Michael Best. "We're going to play the rest of the season for him."

The final game of the regular season was a home game against the Conner Cougars. It was the Colonels' first game of the season without Henderson. The Colonels played physical football while winning their fourth consecutive game. The team struggled early, but got their act together in the second half. Conner was held to just 108 second-half yards and was outgained 501-289 for the game. With a final score of 42-14, the Colonels enter the playoffs with their most successful season in 18 years.

Covington Catholic hosts Rowan County for the first round of the 4A playoffs, and they look to continue such a fantastic season.



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Sam Dressman refuses to be stopped.



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