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BLESSED HOLIDAYS FOR ALL OF THE COLONEL FAMILY!!!

Be Thankful

By: Eric Schneider



Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! Stuff Your Face and Toss Some Pig Skin

By: Chase Zimmer

What do we think of when we celebrate Thanksgiving? Is it the meal that the natives and pilgrims shared or the meal that we enjoy, or could it be the good times we share with family and the games of football that occur year after year on this day? Many of us enjoy all of those things, but we often overlook the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving, what does that really mean? The true meaning of Thanksgiving is to appreciate all that we have and thank the one being who makes it all possible, God. It is a day to sit back, relax, and appreciate all that we have and recognize this appreciation through family and friends. Sure, the food and football do help, but they play a minor role in the subjective meaning of the holiday.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of every November, and it has been an annual tradition in North America since 1621. It originated in the colony of Massachusetts and is now commemorated all over the United States and even in other countries, such as Canada, Grenada, Liberia, Norfolk Island, and the Netherlands. It is a tradition started years ago, and it will surely be honored for the remainder of the nation's existence.

So, on Thanksgiving Day while we are stuffing our faces and watching the NFL, do we stop and give thanks for what we have? Happy Thanksgiving!

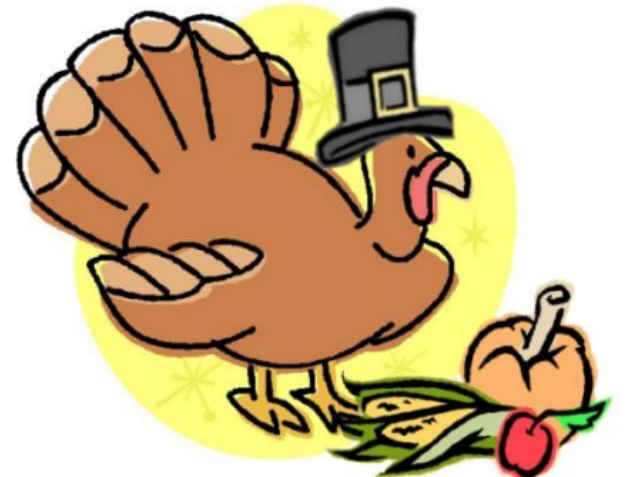
Late November is a time to ponder about life and realize that we have many great things in our lives, even if we do face our fair share of hardships. Looking around this school, there are plenty of things to be grateful for. Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate these things.

Is anything better than CovCath? Will anything compare to the four years spent here? Can anything compare to being a part of a student section during a football game against Highlands? Or being on the field playing against Highlands? Will any meal ever come close to Crisпитos, Chicken Patties, Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches, or Thanksgiving/Christmas Meal? CovCath is the greatest school in the entire nation. The everyday occurrences at Covington Catholic are incomparable to anything that happens anywhere else—we get to be a part of this. That is something that we should be thankful for.

You can walk into school on any given day to see a friend or teacher that will stop to say “Hi!” or “What’s up, Dude?” This is something that is often overlooked but should be greatly appreciated—our friends. Where would anyone be without his or her friends? They are there for you if you’re down (like whenever you deal with a Calculus or Biology test), but also during those glorious moments (Chicken Patty Meal). Without our friends, we would have no one to share amazing times with, and no one to tell about our awesome weekend that we had. Without friends, we would have no one to support us during times of stress and sorrow. Friends are something that we should cherish, especially with this brotherhood at CovCath.

Although it may sound cliché since CovCath is a Catholic school, we should be thankful for God and everything He gives to our school. He is always there. He is present in our chapel during masses and rosaries, you can sense God’s presence whenever we sing, “...and I’ll be with you ‘til the end!” in mass. But most of all, God is present in our friendships and relationships that give us the most joy. It is disregarded, but God is the stem of all of our happiness, and therefore should be the root of our thankfulness.

While you eat pounds upon pounds of turkey and stuff yourself with mashed potatoes until you just cannot quite handle anymore, spend some time thinking about all of these things. Be thankful with a spirit that will not die!



Thanksgiving

By: Sean Kiely

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, this is a great time to really think back and reflect on how lucky we really are. Each and every one of us is truly blessed to be able to go to a school like Covington Catholic. I know I am. This place is absolutely amazing and something that everyone should be able to experience, yet there are only a lucky few that able to take part in this brotherhood. This was the most evident after the last football game of this our seniors career. After the loss to Highlands, almost every senior, that was in the stands for the game, stayed after to console and congratulate their brothers for a great season and career. It was quite an amazing sight to see everyone hugging and crying, and knowing that if this were anywhere else, it would never have happened.

Going to Covington Catholic is not the only thing we should be thankful for this Thanksgiving, although it is definitely the biggest one. We should also be thankful our friends and families. Our families do send us to a great school, but it’s usually our friends that are always there when we need them the most. I do not know about the rest of you reading this article, but whenever I am going through a tough time, I know I can always count on my family and friends to help out.

Thanksgiving is a great time to have with family and friends, but also a great time to sit back and really think about how lucky we really are. Truly we are incredibly fortunate. Don’t forget to be thankful for that fortune.

“Fight” Club

By: Bryan Metzger

“I put you in check first, so that makes me the better player.” As Chess Club President, that is my motto whilst playing chess. Granted, it may not be the best strategy in the world, but it gets the job done.

Chess club meets every Tuesday immediately after school at Sub Station II. Luckily for the parched players, free drinks are generously provided by Sub Station. Players are free to challenge each other to matches, or may opt to sit and watch other duke it out. The moderator, Coach McCoy, maintains his record at $\infty-2$. That’s right; he has only lost two games.

While I, Bryan Metzger, am self-appointed President of the club, Dylan Neff holds the vice president position. A steady flow of approximately ten students regularly come to meetings, and more students are always welcome with open arms and empty chess boards.

NHS Induction


By: Alex Flynn

On Tuesday, November 15, the Covington Catholic Chapter of the National Honors Society proudly inducted twenty-five new members. All twenty-five met the demanding requirements to achieve membership into the society. Each student must be a junior or a senior, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, demonstrate good leadership and character, have completed thirty service hours while at Covington Catholic, have a clean disciplinary record with no major infractions, and then fill out an application and be approved by the NHS moderator Mrs. Teresa Shepard.

The evening began with mass said by the school’s Chaplain, Father Gallenstein. After the mass came the induction. The new inductees were told the four pillars of the NHS: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. They then pledged to maintain those four pillars as well as their strong academic standards.

The new inductees into the NHS were Ryan Bowman, Andrew Brueggeman, Tanner Fangman, Adam Goddard, Christian Gruner, William Henry, Nicholas Kanter, Joseph Kendall, Nikolaus Knipper, Grant Lyons, Kyle Massie, Alexander Mize, William Nutter, Nicholas Otte, Blake Perkins, Alex Scanlon, Andrew Schwartz, Benjamin Schweitzer, James Stratman, Nathan Wainscott, Samuel Wehrman, Jonathon Wessels, Norbert Wessels, Maxwell Williamson, and David Zalla.

When the night concluded, the society had twenty-five new and worthy members to carry on their academic excellence.



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NEHS Update

By: Joey Drees

The National English Honor Society is continuing to be a very active club at CCH, with many events happening now and in the near future. These include activities that the club does on a regular basis, such as reading at Madonna Manor and Pancake Breakfasts, and new activities such as a book drive with Highlands High School.

One activity that the NEHS has been partaking in for the past few years is reading to the elderly at Madonna Manor Nursing Home. Club members visit once a month to read previously chosen selections or sometimes work that they have written. This is a very satisfying service opportunity as it is obvious how much the elderly there love it. The NEHS will also be Christmas caroling there in the month of December, but an exact date has yet to be determined. This is again a great experience as it really uplifts the spirits of those at Madonna Manor. Another activity that will be happening soon is gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble at Newport on the Levee. This will be taking place on December 9th and 10th this year. Students wrap books and other gifts for anybody that would like them to, and any money that is donated will benefit the club. The Veterans Day assembly on December 7th will also be organized by the NEHS this year.

One big thing that the NEHS has expanded to this year is a book drive with the NEHS chapter at Highlands. Everyone is asked to donate any new or gently used children’s books on the two collection dates which will be donated to the Brighton Center. While Cov Cath and Highlands may be bitter rivals, they have come together for this great cause to help those less fortunate. Hopefully, this can open up many doors for the NEHS in the future to cooperate with chapters from other schools in order to do great things for people that need help.



Photo by Mrs. Torres.

Mrs. Ruth knights Bryan Metzger with a pin.

Quill and Scroll Induction

By: Alex Flynn

The induction for the new members of the Covington Catholic Chapter of the Quill and Scroll Honor Society took place on Thursday, November 10. The Quill and Scroll Society is for journalism students who have excelled in the editorial, literary, business, or art departments. The students must also be in the upper third of their respective classes and have a GPA of at least 3.5.

The evening began with a beautiful mass in the school chapel. Afterwards, the induction began. Once the candles of truth, learning, leadership, loyalty, initiative, integrity, judgment, and friendship were lit, the inductees all lit their own candles from the light of truth. The inductees then pledged to keep a high standard in journalism while reporting the truth and only the truth.

The members inducted included Michael Best, Ian Dollenmayer, Joey Drees, Alex Flynn, Michael Helton, Paul Kleier, Bryan Metzger, Blake Perkins, Matt Rolf, Eric Schneider, and Eric Torres. Also, Ian Dollenmayer was honored as a newspaper editor; Alex Flynn was honored as the business manager; Michael Helton was honored as the second newspaper editor; Bryan Metzger was honored as the photo editor; Eric Torres was honored as the editor of the literary magazine.

When the night concluded, the society had eleven new and worthy members to carry on the tradition of excellence in journalism.



The NHS Officers with Mrs. Shepard.

Photo by Grant Guess.

Academic Warriors

By: Brad Kruempelman

The Academic Team thus far has been a successful one. Ironically, they have won all their “away” games and have lost all their “home” games. Their overall record is 4-3. The team consists of six varsity seniors with Jim Nutter as the team captain. It is open for any student wishing to participate. The faculty that coaches the team is Mr. Balskus and Mr. Hartman. They come to school early every Tuesday to practice, and then they have a match that afternoon. The topics that are covered include math, science, literature, and even mythology. Their last match was against Dixie Heights. They needed the last two questions to win when the team captain took control and led the team to victory. Fellow team member Maurer described it as “clutch.” These brilliant, young Colonels look to improve on their schedule and lead the Colonels to victory!

Dark Side of Oz

By: Ryan Dickmann

This month, the art club met for one of the most interesting meetings of the year. This event, known as The Dark Side of Oz, features a potluck style meal with each club member contributing drinks or food and a movie presentation. The club gathered together in the Griffin Center, bringing all sorts of snacks and treats. After gorging themselves on meal reminiscent of the first thanksgiving (chips and pizza), they retreated to the building’s auditorium for the evening’s central presentation. The movie is a unique melding of the cinematic masterpiece *The Wizard of Oz*, and the Pink Floyd album, *Dark Side of the Moon*. When played at the same time, the music and the film match up together in an eerie way, and some of the lyrics seem to reference what is occurring on the screen. The event was an overall success and was an enjoyable experience for all involved.



Mr. Haders gets the movie ready with the soundtrack.



Photo by Blake Perkins

Captain Michael Maurer looks to Tyler Hoefinghoff for verification.

The Academic Team

By: Matt Rolf

The Covington Catholic Academic Team is composed of some of the brightest students in the school who enjoy competing against other local high schools. With Mr. William Balskus as the head coach, the Academic Team has started the season off with a bang. The Academic Team has practices before school, as well as matches throughout the year, scheduled by Mr. Balskus. So far this year, the Academic Team is 4-3, with an undefeated record at home. This dominance at home is heavily credited to the performances of Michael Maurer and Jim Nutter. Recently, when the team met up with Dixie Heights High School, CovCath was up 18-17 and needed a late rally to seal the victory. Michael Maurer watched Jim Nutter take control as he answered the final two questions to get the “W.” Maurer explains, “Nutter put the team on his back and got both of them. It was clutch.” The team hopes to carry this performance throughout the rest of the year and to keep their undefeated home record. Upcoming games will be announced before school, during homeroom, and after lunch, so stay tuned! You do not want to miss out on the talent that this veteran Academic Team has to offer.

Creative Writing Club

By: Eric Torres

Covington Catholic has started a new club to join the more than forty others offered as extracurriculars—the Creative Writing Club. The club will focus on developing the creative writing skills of the individuals in the club, no matter the experience of the member. Fiction and poetry will be studied in a workshop-based, bi-weekly schedule, and events, field trips, and speakers will hopefully be thrown into the mix as the club picks up speed. Mr. Chris Collins is the club moderator, and his knowledge of and experience with the process of composition are invaluable tools that will greatly strengthen the CWC. Elections were held for club officers earlier this month, and the positions are as follows: President: Eric Torres Vice President: Mark Hiltz Scribe: Paul Kleier Asst. Scribe: Norb Wessels Research: Alex Mize Operations: Austin Becknell Asst. Operations: Wiley Carr Sergeant-At-Arms: Quenton Floyd The CWC will be developing as the year goes on, and its major activities will kick off in February, National Poetry Month.

Photo by Diane Ruth

The New Ski Club

By: Matt Rolf

CovCath is known for many things throughout the northern Kentucky area, but one of the aspects that is often overlooked is the plethora of clubs that our school has. With each year comes new clubs. Anyone can find a club that fits their interest, and the institution of new clubs is welcomed. One of the new clubs started this year is the Ski Club, moderated by one of CovCath’s new teachers, Mrs. Stengle. The club just had signups in November, which will provide members with discounted passes to Perfect North Slopes to ski with fellow CovCath students. All students are welcome to join the club, and attendance of skiing days is only voluntary. Students are encouraged to join and attend whenever possible. “I love skiing and just want students who have the same passion for skiing to be able to come ski!,” said Mrs. Stengle. This is one of the awesome opportunities that CovCath offers that all students should take advantage of. Keep your ears open during announcements for Ski Club updates and future ski days. If you have not signed up and you are interested, contact Mrs. Stengle.



Spouses and other family members place roses in vases to memorialize their deceased Colonels.

Memorial Mass

By: Michael Best

Every year, Cov Cath holds a Memorial Mass to honor all the deceased alumni of Covington Catholic. The school invites the family members of those alumni to come and honor them.

On Thursday, November 3rd, Father Gallenstein conducted this mass. Right before communion, Father read off all the names of the deceased alumni. Family members were handed a rose to put in a vase in front of the altar. Mr. Wolfe and his chamber choir sang beautifully and many visitors were impressed with their talents. Eric Torres quoted on the event, “The chamber choir felt especially motivated to sing with a spirit worthy of honoring past Colonels. Mr. Wolfe worked hard to prepare us for this special Mass, and we were happy with the way we performed.”

The Mass showed that once a Colonel, always a Colonel, and no matter what happens they will always be part of the brotherhood at Cov Cath. Their spirits will not die.

2011 Jon Gallenstein Art Show

By: Nick Thelen

The 2011 Jon Gallenstein Art Show recently came to a close on the 20th of November. Parents, peers, and teachers of art seniors came to the Griffin Centre—where the artwork was displayed—in order to support the students and their work. With many tides of people coming through the doors of the center, the showing of the art was a success.

Every year, the Art III and IV seniors submit a portfolio of five pieces for the Jon Gallenstein Scholarship. Each senior has hopes of receiving the award, and, more importantly, carrying on a legacy greater than their own. The pieces must meet specific requirements and must be accompanied by an “artist statement.” Judges are asked to help with the reviewing process in order to choose three winning students, whom will be announced at a later date. The main focus of this scholarship, however, is to continue the tradition of the late Covington Catholic graduate, Jon Gallenstein.

With the closing of the art show, comes the closing of another cycle for the Art III and IV seniors, though Jon’s remembrance lives on. His memory is forever suspended, just as the works of art put forth by the students are suspended upon the gallery walls. “It’s an honor to be a part of something bigger than myself,” Art IV senior Kyle Kathman said, “I’m lucky to have had the opportunity.”



One of the featured art pieces by senior Jacob Condon.



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Holly Jolly Christmas



Photo by Mrs. Diane Ruth

The CCH Chamber Choir, CCH General Chorus, and NDA Singing Dames join forces to spread Christmas cheer.

By: Michael Helton

Friday, December 2, marked the date of the annual Covington Catholic-Notre Dame Academy Christmas concert. Both schools' choral classes came together to bring in the holiday spirit.

The morning began with Mr. Jim Wolfe and his class traveling across the way to NDA for their concert. After a brief rehearsal, the Junior and Senior classes began to file into the auditorium. In spite of their nerves, the performers made it through the first song, "Silent Night," flawlessly. The rest of the concert continued on a similar track. The audience delighted in such classics as "Walking in Memphis," "Winter Wonderland," and "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch." Afterwards, the listeners exited, and the freshmen and sophomores took their spots for a repeat of the concert. This performance went smoothly as well.

Following the journey back to Cov Cath, the singing Colonels began to prepare for the concert in the Griffin Centre. At 1:30, the Cov Cath student body excitedly hurried over for the third concert of the day. This too went as perfectly as can be imagined. Mr. Wolfe proved his excellence in taking ordinary students and turning them into a beautiful sounding choir.

The final concert took place on Sunday, December 4 in the Griffin Centre. This one was open for the public. The choirs performed their longest set list yet.

Colonels in the Community

By: Blake Perkins

Throughout the school year and summer, the Colonels of Covington Catholic strive to help those in the community less fortunate by volunteering their time through service. The Colonels continuously answer this call through organizations like the Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky, Madonna Manor, and the school-sponsored Walk for Life. The list of activities continues to grow as new opportunities arise throughout the year.

One of the new activities that Cov Cath students are partaking in on a weekly basis is the mentoring of younger students at Prince of Peace and Diocesan Catholic Children's Home. Through both programs, students are paired up with children at both organizations. From helping with homework to playing a game, Covington Catholic students serve as the "big brother" influence to those they mentor. Steinfeld Toys and Blessed Sacrament School are other organizations that the Colonels have donated their time.

If you are in need of help with service activities, go to the school's website or call to ask for help with your specific service activity.

Christmas Victory for Chamber Choir

By: Eric Torres

Chamber Choir has won two Christmas Competitions over the past two weeks, raking in a bounty of 1500 dollars, 30 tickets to see "A Christmas Carol" at Playhouse in the Park, and a brand new Piano from Henderson Music.

500 dollars and tickets for the play were the 2nd place prize for the U.S. Bank Christmas Carol Competition, a Facebook-based contest that was polled through the number of "likes" on an entry. Chamber Choir submitted a short video of the choir singing "This Gift", and got enough votes to snag second place.

The piano and 1000 bucks (via certificate to the Deerfield Town Center) were the grand prize for the Warm 98 Christmas Competition, held through an email-based voting system. Mr. Wolfe, the director of the Chamber Choir, submitted a recording of "I'll be home for Christmas" off of last year's Christmas album, "God With Us". Despite the setback of a technical error in which the song was entered a full forty-eight hours behind all the other entries—most of which were from performing-arts schools—the Colonels won out! As an added bonus, the submitted track of "I'll Be Home for Christmas" will be played on Warm 98 from time to time up until Christmas.

Congrats to the Chamber Choir!

Photo by Christa Ellison



Above: Chamber Choir members relish their victory from Warm 98.

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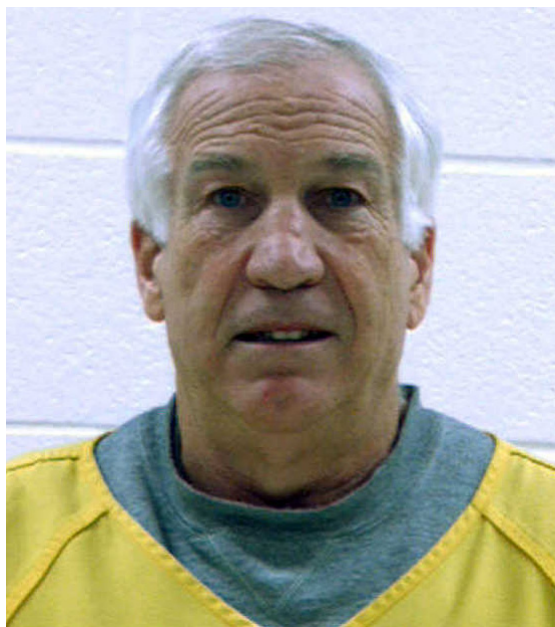
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Penn State Scandal

By: Blake Perkins



At Penn State University, the shocking news of sexual abuse has broken out around the Nittany Lions football team. Former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky has been accused of up to 40 counts of sexual assault of minors. Sandusky is in police custody awaiting those violated to come forward in response to the allegations. The scandal, however, has not only affected the football team's former defensive coordinator, but has reached as far as legendary Head Football Coach of the Nittany Lions, Joe Paterno; school president, Graham Spanier; the school's athletic director, Tim Curley; and vice president of finance and business, Gary Schultz.

"Joe Pa" the winningest coach in college football history has been fired only needing to coach one more game to pass Amos Alonzo Stagg, the longest tenured head coach. After being head coach for 46 years the board of trustees for Penn State fired the head coach, as well as Spanier. Curley and Schultz resigned from their respective positions and are being held in custody on charges of failure to report and lying to a federal grand jury.

With the school in turmoil, Penn State must try and rebuild and recover from the scandal that currently surrounds it; most importantly however, is for justice to be served against those that are responsible for these unforgivable acts.

Muammar Gaddafi

By: Michael Helton

For weeks, the people of Libya have been rejoicing in the streets. What could possibly cause this much celebration in a country that has recently been racked with so much violence?

On October 20, 2011, after forty-one years of ruling, Libya's leader Muammar Gaddafi was killed. A French airstrike was ordered on Gaddafi's hometown of Sirte. Gaddafi fled from his current location. He was found hiding in a drainage pipe by Rebel Libyan forces. Afterwards, he was taken captive for several hours while he was beaten by his captors. A video of the beating showed that he was beaten, stabbed, and eventually shot by a man wearing a New York Yankees hat.

Gaddafi's death is seen by millions as an advancement for the country of Libya, and a step towards the long awaited peace in the area.



Portrait of the deplorable dictator by Quinn Birch.

President's Cup

By: Sean Kiely



Although most of the world would have absolutely no idea what I am talking about, last weekend, the highly anticipated Presidents Cup took place. The Presidents Cup is a team competition that includes a series of match play contests. There are two teams that compete in the Cup, one from the USA and one representing an International team that comprises the rest of the world except for Great Britain and Ireland. This year's bout took place in Melbourne, Australia, at the world renowned Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Although the USA was the underdog for the first time in many years, they came out roaring on the first day of foursomes. The Americans only lost one of the six matches, which was a 7&6 blow out of the Woods/Stricker pairing. Yet, USA won three of the other five with the last two being halved and ended the day leading 4-2. The Friday four-ball was absolute dead locked with each team winning three of the six matches, allowing the Americans to keep a 7-5 lead. Saturday was split into a morning foursome and the afternoon four-ball. In the morning foursome, the Americans dominated, winning four of the five matches and built a very comfortable 11-6 lead heading to the afternoon. In the afternoon four-ball, the USA stumbled a bit, losing three of the five matches, but maintained their lead by four points going into the Sunday singles. It was heading down the stretch in final single matches, after the International team won the first four matches. Yet, the Americans held their ground and clinched the 17 1/2 point with a 4&3 victory by none other than Tiger Woods.

It was a big victory for the USA, considering their "underdog" tag, and showed the American dominance in the game of golf.

CovCath Keeps on Skiing

By: David Moser

With the new winter season just around the corner, the colonel "Ski Club" will once again untie to enjoy one of the many fun activities the snow has to offer. The club has been around the school for a few years now and has really grown among the student body. Skiing is a great way to get out of the house and be active with your friends during the cold winter months; the colonel ski club just makes it more affordable.

The club is led by new math teacher and active member of the colonel community, Mrs. Stengle! CovCath has come together with Perfect North slopes to give deals on ski passes and rental equipment. Hitting the slopes can cost a pretty "steep" price, but the reduced prices gratefully given by Perfect North, the club can be afforded by almost anyone.

No matter who or what you are, the colonel ski club has a place for you! It's not too late to sign up either, for more information see Mrs. Stengle or Josh Kissel for details. It's going to be a radical time out on the slopes this year, hopefully we see you there.



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NKU Stuns West Virginia

By: Joey Drees

On Friday, November 4, Northern Kentucky University faced West Virginia in an exhibition game. Going into the game, Division II NKU was 0-18 all-time against Division I opponents in exhibition games. The West Virginia Mountaineers, coached by Bob Huggins, were heavily favored to beat the Norse, but NKU were optimistic that they could pull off the huge upset. Northern Kentucky dominated West Virginia early, going up by 17 points at one point in the first half. They went into halftime with a 42-29 lead. The Mountaineers fought back late in the game to almost completely erase the deficit, and with seven seconds left, Mountaineer Truck Bryant hit a 3-pointer to even the score at 74. Eshaunte Jones of NKU answered back by draining a 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left to accelerate the Norse to a 77-74 victory. Tony Rack was the leading scorer from the Norse with 21 points, including an impressive 6-of-7 from 3-point land. Truck Bryant was the leading scorer for West Virginia with 24 points. The loss to NKU was the first time that the Mountaineers had lost an exhibition game under Bob Huggins in five years. The whole team was disappointed in their loss to a Division II team. Bryant said that the loss was “embarrassing” and a surprise to him. Huggins said that the main cause of their loss was inexperience. While he is hoping that his team will be able to adjust to basketball in college, the Norse are looking to continue their success throughout the season.

NDA Soccer Takes State

By: Michael Best

The Notre Dame Academy soccer team was the favorite going into the state tournament as they were ranked number one in the state of Kentucky. Notre Dame Academy rolled through the regional and district tournaments. They started off crushing Covington Latin 10-0. Then the girls kept it going as they beat Holy Cross 8-2 in the District Championship game. The regional tournament was played at Scott High School as they faced Bishop Brossart in the first round. NDA did not skip a beat as they breezed through them 4-0. They would then face their rival Highlands in the regional tournament game. Notre Dame controlled most of the game and won 4-1 and gained momentum going into the State Tournament. George Rogers Clark made the trip up to Dixie Heights High School to play the Pandas under the lights. The girls beat them 3-0. NDA then stomped over the Little Colonels from Dixie Heights 5-0. On November 3rd the girls made the trip down to Paul Laurence Dunbar in Lexington to play West Jessamine. It was a cold and rainy game, but the Pandas came out on top 4-1 and would now play in the State Championship game on November 5th. They faced a similar opponent, Sacred Heart from Louisville, who they played in the 2009 State Championship game when they lost in penalty kicks. Notre Dame would not let history repeat itself this time as they beat Sacred Heart 2-0. Sydney Scheban, Ellyn Abdelghany, and Brandi Schwartz were named to the All-Tournament Team with Scheban being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Congratulations to the Pandas on a fantastic and memorable season.



The triumphant soccer Pandas.

Photo by Notre Dame Academy

The View from Carew

By: Ian Dollenmayer

Sometimes, you just do not know what to do with your free time. For those of you who love the Cincinnati area, are interested in beautiful architecture, or simply enjoy being so high in the air that you feel like God, the Carew Tower in downtown Cincinnati is a stop you should definitely make.

Before being usurped by the new Great American Tower in January of 2011, the Carew Tower was the tallest building in Cincinnati. Completed in 1930 and standing forty-nine stories tall, it is a majestic example of the strong powerful architecture of pre-World War II America—heavy stone, thick glass, and shining marble. It is easy to see that Carew Tower was built to last. The architecture whisks visitors away to a bygone era.

For those more interested in shopping that construction, Tower Place Mall, in the base of Carew, is a fantastic place to do it. With several floors of stores, stands, and food, Tower Place Mall will easily suffice for anyone's material needs.

The chief reason that every person in the Tri-State area should visit Carew is the observation deck. At a nominal cost, anybody who so desires is allowed to journey up to the forty-ninth floor of the tower. The open air view of the Cincinnati area is absolutely breathtaking. Your eyes can follow Vine Street all the way through Over the Rhine, trace the winding path of the Ohio River, and survey the scene of Newport of the Levee from afar. Landmarks like the Union Terminal, City Hall, Fountain Square, and Music Hall can all be viewed. To be on the observation deck is a truly transcendental experience.

Living in this area is a privilege and an honor. If you truly love the Tri-State area, take a trip to Carew Tower. Check out some architecture, do a little shopping, and look down upon the area you love with admiration from the point of view of the Big Man Upstairs.

Terry's Turf Club

By: Michael Helton



A cheeseburger and fries—the staple of American cuisine for the last half century. Americans have been bombarded with this delicious duo to the point of exhaustion. Many people have adopted the philosophy of, “You’ve had one burger, you’ve had them all.” These people have not tried Terry’s Turf Club.

Located at 4618 Eastern Ave, Cincinnati, OH, Terry’s appears to be a museum dedicated to eccentric neon signs and 1950’s style refrigerators. Upon further inspection, visitors will find that it is actually a unique hamburger joint.

Although the seating space is quite small, the environment is incredibly welcoming. Classic rock music plays while neon signs illuminate the eyes of pleased customers. The menu is comprised primarily of cheeseburger variations that would satisfy any person, regardless of their picky tastes.

The food itself was fantastic. I went with the classic burger, topped with banana peppers. I was shocked to see a burger the size of a softball placed before me. Next, they brought out a plate of French fries. The burger was a bit on the greasy side, so naturally, it was delicious. Also, the fries were incredible. Later, the waiter informed me that they were cooked in duck fat.

I give the restaurant a 4.7/5 stars. The only problem was the price of the food, but for a burger this unique, \$8 is not bad.

Skyrim

By: Eric Torres



If you have any inkling in the slightest to get a new game this holiday season for your PC, PS3 or Xbox 360, [The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim](#) is the game to get. Hailing from the acclaimed Bethesda Game Studios, this 5th installment to the Elder Scrolls franchise is the best edition yet. A word of warning, though, you may have to quit your day job to beat it.

Why? Because of the sheer mass of content. The main quest alone takes 30 hours to complete, and with literally countless side quests, collectables, skill trees, and miscellaneous activities, there are over 350 hours of gameplay without the personal endeavors that you are sure to embark on.

Also, the graphics are stunning. The Creation engine is a groundbreaking graphics system with limited load times, sharp contrasts, and physical details unparalleled in any current game on the market.

The lore of the Elder Scrolls world is extremely deep, but it does not matter if you can not tell the difference between a Dunmer and Dwemer; the game brings you up to speed in a way that is easy to understand and not boring.

The appeal of the game is often taken out of context. This is not your run of the mill fantasy game that involves a linear quest line with archetypal characters that must be button-mashed to oblivion. Skyrim is a challenging role-playing game that can be played in the first or third person, and it immerses you into a unique storyline with an amazing world to truly live in. There is no right or wrong way to go through the game. It is all up to you, even the ending. If you want to be the savior of the needy and champion chivalry and honor thorough your character's development, go for it. If you want to kill the local storeowner's chickens or drink with the townies at the bar, go for it. Just remember that your actions have realistic reactions, so if you do end up killing those chickens, it is unwise to try to shake the owner's hand afterward—he will most likely be holding something sharp pointed in your general direction. Oh, and by the way, did I mention dragons?

This game is a marvel of storytelling, video-gaming, and fantasy epicness, and it is a must-have for anyone that considers themselves a well-rounded gamer. [Skyrim](#) allows you to take ownership of a world and character that you have a real part in affecting, and does an awesome job of making everything about the game awesome. Get this game.



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Paranormal Activity 3

By: Brady Reese



Paranormal Activity 3 was directed by Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman. The film was released nationwide on October 21st, 2011. Katie Featherstone, who was the star of the first two movies, only makes a brief cameo to give a bit of context to the rest of the film. Katie, and her sister Kristi, did not have a pleasant childhood.

The four main characters are Chloe Csen-gery who plays Katie, Jessica Tyler Brown who plays Kristi, Lauren Bittner who is their mother Julie, and Christopher Nicholas Smith who is their mother's boyfriend who is a professional wedding videographer. Dennis, the videographer and boyfriend, sets up video cameras throughout the house when things begin to flip in the house and noises are heard throughout the night. It turns out that the curious happenings are a product of Kristi's imaginary friend, Toby, who may be a demon.

In this movie there are three elements that make it a movie to remember. First, the excellent use of silence builds up suspense throughout the movie. Second, the clever use of video cameras allows the viewer to witness all the frightening moves made. Third, the outstanding performances by Katie and Kristi made this movie a thriller. The second half of *Paranormal Activity 3* is said to be the most suspenseful part of any film created.

This film brought in over 52 million dollars on opening weekend. *Paranormal Activity 3* is said to be one of the scariest movies ever produced and is the hottest movie in theaters right now.

Jack and Jill

By: Matt Rolf



Known for so many comical and enjoyable movies, such as *Big Daddy*, *The Longest Yard*, *Anger Management*, *Mr. Deeds*, *Happy Gilmore*, and *Billy Madison*, Adam Sandler took a step back with his most recent film *Jack and Jill*.

Sandler plays Jack Sadelstein, a successful advertising executive in Los Angeles, California. He is happily married to his wife, Erin (played by Katie Holmes) and has two kids, Sofia and Gary. He is living quite the life, but despises one day all year: the day his identical twin sister Jill (also played by Sandler) comes to visit, Thanksgiving. Jill is a needy, passive-aggressive pain to Jack and turns his normally serene life into a tumult.

This movie has some funny scenes, but most of the time I could not wait for it to end. Sandler always brings a humorous characteristic to the films he partakes in, but he lacked in this particular one. Hopefully, Sandler can get back on track in his future films, maybe sticking to only playing one character in the movie, not two.

Mylo Xyloto

By: Eric Torres

Coldplay's new album, *Mylo Xyloto* is what you would expect: similar to everything else Coldplay, but distinguished and different at the same time. Coldplay's music has a timeless appeal, because their ethereal tones and moving choruses bypass modern fads and find a way to get in head and stay there. *Mylo Xyloto* is no exception.

The album's single, *Every Teardrop is a Waterfall*, released earlier in the year, was a top of the charts success, and the rest of *Mylo Xyloto* keeps the same tone as that song, full of echoing organs, colorful harmonies, and vibrant guitar riffs that are simple and uplifting. The album's most played song on the airways right now is the track *Paradise*, a song that has a hypnotic quality to it, with soaring melodies that blend into one another in typical Coldplay fashion.

Following their previous great success with *Viva la Vida*, *Mylo Xyloto* is not as popular or mainstream, and there is no one track that equals that album's namesake in popularity. The main difference in the two albums is the tone of the music itself. You won't find the juxtaposed sounds of the old-timey piano and marching percussion that courses through *Viva la Vida*, a Europop mix of synth dubs and pop-like background beats instead provide the rhythmic flow of *Mylo Xyloto*.

Overall, it is not my favorite Coldplay album, but it is a natural step for the group given today's audience's likes and expectations. Personally, I would have liked to have heard more songs along the lines of *Up in Flames*, the only song on the album without a tone of optimism and hope, but that was not the aim of *Mylo Xyloto*. Regardless, it's still Coldplay, and if you consider yourself a fan, this will be a good addition to your music collection.

Sigh No More

By: Bryan Metzger

In the midst of recent pop artists, rap artists, and R&B artists taking center stage in the music world, Mumford and Sons (Or just Mumford for short) grabs some much deserved attention. Mumford is a British Folk band, focusing on generally used instruments such as the banjo and a string bass. Their tracks are radically different from other popular songs of the day, which focus on bass beats and auto-tune as opposed to Mumford's simple vocals and acoustic style.

Mumford and Son's only album to date, titled *Sigh No More*, was actually released in 2009. The album remained generally unknown, however, until late 2010 when they made a few large network television performances. This grabbed the attention of the nation, and they were nominated for two Grammy awards that same year.

The album features its title track, *Sigh No More*, which like most tracks on the album involves slow vocals and a slow beat acoustic feel. Other notable songs include *Little Lion Man* (which was nominated for the Best Rock Song Grammy), *Winter Winds*, *The Cave*, and *Roll Away Your Stone*. All of these songs were singles from the album. In general, the songs focus around simple guitar chords and stunningly haunting vocals. The lyrics also speak of simpler times and problems nearly everyone can relate to.

All in all, this is one of my favorite albums in recent years. Its simple yet powerful message lyrics are easily relatable and very enjoyable. In total, I would probably give this album a 9 out of 10. Mumford and Sons has gone under the radar for awhile, and I can understand that. Nonetheless, it's time to let them be noticed. Buy this album.

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Varsity Football Playoffs

By: Charlie Mader

The Colonels had high hopes going into the playoffs. They were coming off a 4 game win streak where they had outscored their opponents 225-21. There was a feeling throughout the community as well in the locker that this was the year. They Colonels had the wheels rolling and they felt they couldn't be stopped.

The Rowan County Vikings were the first team standing in the way of the Colonels and a State Championship. The game started off incredibly slow. In the first half the two teams had a combined 5 turnovers and the score was tied at 7 going into the half. The Colonels have characteristically been a second half team throughout the regular season and that did not seem to change in this contest. The Colonels recovered from a subpar opening half with 31 unanswered second-half points to route Rowan County, 38-7. This win meant that the Colonels were onto a rematch of their first round game last year against the Ashland Tomcats.

In the second round of the 4A playoffs the Colonels face the Ashland Paul Blazer Tomcats. The Colonels were trying to advance past the postseason's second round for the first time since their state title run of 2006. The Tomcats were trying to avenge a 43-19 loss to the Colonels in the opening round of last year's playoffs. Both teams came into the contest with records of 9-2 and the game was shaping out to be a good one. Gabe Gray hit the ground running and wasn't showing signs of slowing down. He carried the ball 14 times for 170 yards and scored three touchdowns. Junior Bobby Beatrice added 45 yard on three carries and Senior Clint Massie caught five passes for 91 yards. The defense stepped up big and stepped up in key moments. Senior Brady Reese intercepted the ball twice when Tomcats were in the red zone. Sophomore Sam Burchell led the defense with 12 tackles. The Colonels ended up routing the Tomcats 35-8 and setting up the much anticipated rematch versus the Blue Birds from Fort Thomas.

With a full whited out student section the Colonels felt good about the rematch of the regular season loss, 42-37, against the Bluebirds. Unfortunately, the Colonels could not come through with a victory, ending the season with a loss 49 to 14.

The Colonels hope to get over the hump next year and take State and bring it back to where it belongs. Although the season did not end how most expected, it was a fun season filled with grand memories and excellent times.



A Colonel tries to close the point gap.

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Colonel Baller Preview

By: Blake Perkins

The 2011-2012 basketball season is quickly approaching with much anticipation surrounding an updated looking Cov Cath Colonels. With new head coach, Scott Ruthsatz coming from St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, the hopes are high for the Colonels. Coach Ruthsatz was an assistant under legendary head coach Bob Hurley, Sr. and was a part of the team's national championship run last year.

Besides a new head coach and staff, the Colonels also have an entirely revamped lineup. After losing 7 seniors, the Colonels must rebuild from the ground up at every position. Even though a lack of experience maybe a factor, the Colonels feel comfortable and confident in their new system. Senior Ryan Hayden a leader for the Colonels thinks the team is going to surprise a lot of people. "We are going to play with a blue collar attitude. We are fast and scrappy group of guys that are going to fight for every win that we can get. We really want to show those in our region that even with the seniors we lost from last year we are going to be a powerhouse in the region again. We hate to lose."

The Colonels opened the season with an exhibition game against Greenup County as a part of the Kelsey Sorrell Memorial Tournament. The Colonels put on a good showing beating the Musketeers by twenty in the first half of play and followed it up with a 10 point win in the second. The star of the scrimmage was transfer student Nick Ruthsatz, son of head coach, as he scored 20 points in his first action as a Colonel.

The first regular season game for the Colonels is November 29th against George Rogers Clark, a team with size and a tradition to match it. The Colonels schedule does not get any easier after GRC with games against Lexington Catholic, Louisville St. Xavier, and Winton Woods all within the first month of the season. With a daunting schedule and a team full of new faces the Colonels look to come out of the gate hot and take the region by storm and as a team play with "a spirit that will not die."



Photo by Diane Ruth

Sophomore Nick Ruthsatz shows his determination to win.

New Leader for Soccer Colonels

By: Eric Torres

After only the second undefeated soccer season in Covington Catholic History, filled with tournament success, shattered records, and unequaled support from the student body, Head Coach Jason Mott has stepped down.

“I got a lot of blank stares to begin,” said Mott, who guided CovCath to a No. 1 state ranking and rankings in two national polls. “Then I explained that coaching is a passion of mine, but it’s not the next step in my career. The next step for me is to continue my education and pursue my PhD at the University of Cincinnati. That’s like a full-time job and there isn’t enough time for everything.”

He and the rest of the soccer program’s coaching staff then set to work screening new applicants for the position. After two months, Jeremy Robertson was selected as Head Coach.

Robertson is a 1999 graduate of Louisville Ballard who played at Northern Kentucky University. He is the director of soccer operations at Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder and for the Kings Soccer Academy.

Robertson also coached at Highlands from 2003-09 and compiled an 82-49-15 record and two state tournament appearances, including a state runner-up finish in 2008.

“The goal is to bring CovCath a state title,” said Robertson. “I’m excited with this opportunity. CovCath has had some great success and has a great soccer culture. I just want to up that.”

Next season will be one to watch.



Photo by Diane Ruth

New soccer coach Jeremy Robertson.

Aqua Colonel Preview

By: Eric Torres

The Aqua Colonels of 2012 are getting ready to begin their season. The Swim has met success over the past years, with a twelve-year run of sweeping the Regional Tournament and a Runner Up finish at the State Championship three years ago. The program also holds five state records, an immensely impressive feat considering the size of our school.

The Swim and Dive Team has nine seniors, most of them returning from a Varsity or Junior Varsity background, but a few of them are new to the program entirely, so this should prove to be interesting as the season unfolds. The underclassmen experience is commendable as well, with Max Williamson, a junior, as one of the fastest colonels on the roster. He met great success last year, winning an individual state ring for his near record breaking time in the 200-yard individual medley. His skill will be instrumental in the team’s success this year.

This season will be one to watch, and Coach Dickmann will be busy prepping his team for the regional tournament throughout December. Best of luck to the Aqua Colonels!

Ultimate Ghetto Blasters

By: Bryan Metzger

Many of our own Colonels have formed an interscholastic Ultimate Frisbee team, aptly named the GhettoBlasters. Unbeknown to most, the team was dubbed the 2010 Kentucky State Champions. This fact, however, seemed to slip by the knowledge of most of the Covington Catholic community, as the sport is not officially recognized by the athletic department and has not been deemed a club sport.

Chris Goodpaster, CCH ’04 alum, coaches the team with help from Jeff Geise, CCH’06 alum. Both coaches have college ultimate experience, with Geise playing at the University of Dayton and Goodpaster playing at the University of Northern Kentucky.

Being that the team is not Covington Catholic sanctioned, players from various local high schools can join. Team members are primarily from Covington Catholic, but they can come from schools such as Dixie Heights High School, Notre Dame Academy, and even homeschooled players. Our own Alex Tilford and Dylan Neff are team captains.

The team plays their league at Archbishop Moeller High School. The YUC (Youth Ultimate Cincinnati) league contains teams from all over the Greater Cincinnati Area such as St. Xavier, Lasalle, and Moeller. The team has moved from the “B” league to the “A” league for this upcoming season. In layman’s terms, that’s a step up to the top division in the league.

The GhettoBlasters have high hopes for this season, and hope to best their 3rd place finish in the league tournament from last year. The team is always open to new players, regardless of skill level. Show up to a practice, and you’re on the team. Information can be sought from captains Alex Tilford or Dylan Neff. Togetherness!



Nothing But Marks (Varsity Bowling)

By: Jacob Lange

Everyone’s favorite winter sport is about to begin...that’s right, bowling season. The 2011-2012 Interscholastic Bowling season is just now starting up. This season is a very special one for our Covington Catholic Colonels, and all other bowling teams throughout the state. This year is so special because the 2011-2012 season is the first season where bowling is a sanctioned KHSAA sport! This means that just like any other sanctioned state sport, Interscholastic Bowling will hold a state tournament at the end of the season, with the winning team receiving the state trophy and even state championship rings.

This year’s Covington Catholic team consists of twelve bowlers. The ten seniors that made the team consist of Colin Alig, David Bitter, Joey Drees, Alex Tilford, Jacob Lange, Austin Stetter, Mitchell Jacobs, Blake Tewes, Casey Stewart, and Ryan Toler. Sophomore David Hacker and junior David Zalla make up the team’s final two bowlers. Of these twelve team members, six of them have returned from last year’s team. These include Alex Tilford, David

Hacker, David Zalla, Jacob Lange, Colin Alig, and David Bitter. The Bowling Colonels will once again be coached by Mr. Jack Kaelin and Mr. Jim Simon. Jim Simon is a friend of Mr. Kaelin; the two graduated in the same class from NCC and have stayed close throughout the years. Now Mr. Simon has shown much interest in the Covington Catholic bowling program and has helped improve many of the team members’ skills.

The Colonels’ home lanes will once again be Superbowl in Erlanger. This means that most of the Bowling Colonels’ matches will be held at Superbowl in Erlanger, with some additional matches being held in other bowling alleys around the northern Kentucky area, such as LaRu Lanes in Alexandria. Most of the Colonels matches will take place on Thursday afternoons, with a few matches on Tuesday afternoons.

This year the Bowling Colonels will have many more matches compared to last year’s schedule. On December 10th the team will travel to Louisville for the Louisville St. Xavier Invitational Bowling Tournament where they will face



off with some tough competition from other parts of the state. Coach Kaelin has even been in contact with Louisville and Lexington teams such as Louisville St. Xavier, and Lexington Catholic to set up a couple of potential Saturday double-header matchups. Coach Kaelin may even have a second invitational tournament in the works for the Bowling Colonels. He has been trying to work out the possibility of the Colonels attending Lexington Catholic’s Invitational Tournament. One of Coach Kaelin’s goals is to get this year’s team anywhere from 16-18 matches. With these potential tournaments and Saturday matches, Mr. Kaelin believes the team will reach this number.

With all this extra competition from around the state, the Bowling Colonels have high hopes for this season. Coach Kaelin, and Coach Simon have just as high expectations as the Colonel bowlers do. The team would love and appreciate any support at any of their matches this season. The Bowling season “rolls” off on December 1st against Holy Cross. Be there to cheer on our Bowling Colonels!

Some Wednesday Fun (Intramural Bowling)

By: Jacob Lange

On October 19th, 2011 the sixth week of the Covington Catholic Intramural Bowling League took place at Super Bowl in Erlanger. This week's action was bitter sweet. Many good games were bowled, but because of the bad clean-up by the freshmen and sophomores, Mr. Kaelin threw down the hammer and had to threaten to cancel the next week of bowling. Thankfully these students had learned their lessons and were able to continue bowling.

In this week's action Team Lange continued their winning ways, improving to an outstanding 15-3 record. Team Toler (13-5) and Team Bitter (12-6) round out the top three teams for the Junior/Senior Division.

David Zalla took over the top spot for best individual average with a 169 average. Mitchell Jacobs kept his average at a steady 166, while Jacob Lange's average dropped him two spots after a rough week leaving him with a 165.38 average. David Zalla remains the only junior bowler with an average above 15. Seniors Blake Tewes and David Bitter round out the Junior/Senior division's top five individual bowlers with a 155.6 and 153.55 respectively.

Week seven of this league took place on October 26th, 2011, where it saw some very exciting matchups. Team Lange, currently in first place, swept the second place Team Toler all three games! This now gave Team Lange a three game lead over the now second place Team Bitter, and a five-game lead over now third place Team Toler. Team Hacker remained in first place with their 15-6 record, but now only has a slim one game lead over second place Team Henn.

The individual scores did, however, see some realignment. David Zalla remained number one in the Junior/Senior division with a 166.88 average. Not close behind, though, is Jacob Lange who after a good week of bowling raised his average to a 166.14. Mitchell Jacobs average took a hard hit dropping to a 159.66, but he remains in the third spot. Senior Blake Tewes rolled the highest game of the year this week- bowling a 234! Sophomore David Hacker has kept his top spot as he has lit up the Freshman/Sophomore lanes once again! His average stands at a solid 171.11. Brett Bauereis and Kyle Hennies round out their top three bowlers with a 133.16 and 126.95.

Week eight still continued to show some great bowling from both divisions. Team Lange remained in first place with their 20-4 record, with Team Bitter three games behind at 17-7. Team Hacker extended their lead in the Freshman/Sophomore division to two games; they now have a 17-7 record. Sadly, due to Team Stein's bad behavior, and the Junior/Senior division's need for an even number of teams, Mr. Kaelin was forced to drop the team from the league.

No changes took place amongst the top bowlers in both divisions. David Zalla remained in the top spot for juniors/seniors after bowling a 560 three game series! This is the highest series for juniors and seniors this year. This raised his average to a solid 171.83. Jacob Lange stayed in second place with a 168 average, and Mitchell Jacobs remained in third with his 159.3 average. David Hacker's average dropped to a 168.8, but he remained atop the Freshman/Sophomore division.

Week 9 saw some great action! Team Lange improved to 23-4, with Team Basford in second place at 10-2, and Team Bitter in third at 20-7. Team Hacker has a 3-game lead in the Freshman/Sophomore division, with a record of 20-7. David Bitter ruled the lanes this week, rolling a 571 three game series. This series is the highest 3-game series so far in the Junior/Senior division. Jacob Lange remained in the top spot individually for the juniors and seniors with his 168.07. David Zalla and David Bitter are close behind with a 167.8 and 161.62 respectively. David Hacker's average remained top dog in the Freshman/Sophomore division at a 168.8.

Week 10 in bowling action saw some great games and exciting matches. Team Lange improved to 25-5 increasing their lead in the Junior/Senior division to 5 games over Team Bitter. Team Hacker improved to 22-8 and now has a 4-game lead in the Freshman/Sophomore division with only 2 weeks of intramural action left! David Zalla seemed unstoppable on the lanes this week; bowling a 575 three-game series. David also took over the top spot for individual average with a 171.77. Jacob Lange dropped to second individually with a 167.4, and David Bitter raised his average to a 162.96. David Hacker's average saw little movement, dropping to a 168.08.

With only two weeks remaining in the Intramural Bowling season, there is still room for many surprises. Team Lange and Team Hacker can clinch their respected divisions with only a couple of wins in the next two weeks. David Hacker seems to be set for many "end of the year" awards such as Best Individual Average, High Series, High Game, and his team looks to lock up their division. David Zalla and Jacob Lange will battle it out for the top individual spot for the juniors and seniors, and Blake Tewes' high game looks to remain top dog with the final two weeks remaining. David Zalla's top 3 game series will look to uphold itself in the final two weeks. Overall, the last two weeks of intramural bowling seem to be set up to be very exciting.



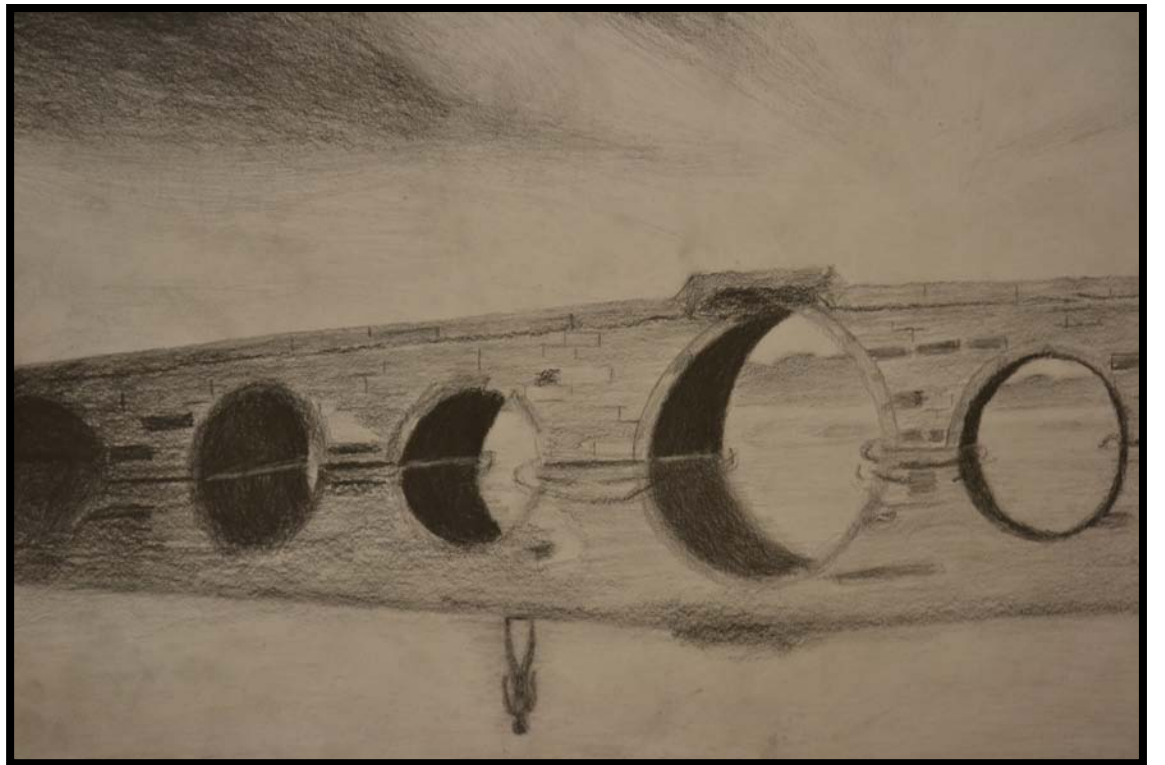
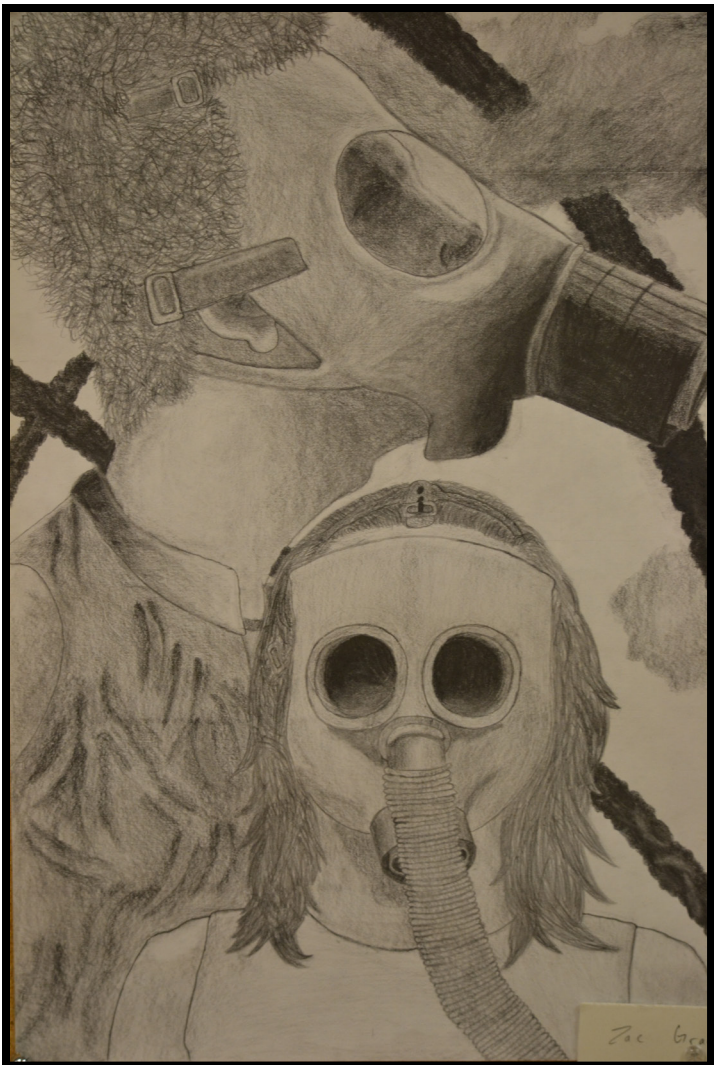
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