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### Remembering 9/11

By: Ian Dollenmayer

I remember September 11, 2001, like it was yesterday. I was in second grade at the time. The teacher called us inside and asked us if any of us knew what the World Trade Center was. I did not. Drawing two large rectangles on the board, she explained that they were two large skyscrapers in New York City. Then, she proceeded to tell us that they had been destroyed. In an instant, I learned of their existence, and their end.

The world of a child always appears to be beautiful. Children are seldom allowed to see the bad things happening around them, nor are they privy to the complex emotions of adulthood. That day, however, I saw everything. I saw adults walking like zombies, saw the blank stares of the newscasters, watched as my father and mother brooded in silence. I heard the word terrorism and Al Qaeda over and over again, but knew not what they meant. A world of darkness had been laid bare before my eyes.

Since second grade, I have grown up in a world overshadowed by terrorism, a world where fear has tried to reign supreme. I, however, am not the only one who was grown. As I have grown, I have watched the United States grow up as well, rising from the ashes at Ground Zero. What began as somewhat vengeful insertions of troops into Afghanistan led to the bringing of Bin Laden to justice in May of 2011. The radical hatred of all Muslims has slowly but surely been pinpointed only to the jihadists in an attempt to cease discrimination against an entire faith. I have watched as memorials were constructed and plans for the Freedom Tower have progressed.

Above all else that I have seen grow with me is American patriotism. For weeks after 9/11, our hearts were scarred. As the months moved on, those wounds began to turn into something different. They became a common goal, a common belief. The people of the United States came together as a nation, as a people, to defend what had been attacked. Americans everywhere were united under the flag as a people that refused to surrender in the face of fear and darkness sent from lands afar. They did not back down. Americans showed that our country is, as former President Bush said, a nation that “will never tire, will never falter, and will never fail.”

So, on this tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, let us remember all the heroes that have responded to the call of duty sent out on that fateful day and every day since. We should each take a moment of silence this Sunday, September 11, 2011, to reflect on all the blessings that have been preserved by the amazing people of our emergency services, government, and armed forces. Also, let us reflect on what an amazing country we have. Our country was and is targeted by groups who seek nothing less than pervading fear in every American household. Have we backed down? No, and we never will, because that is the spirit of America. United we stand; divided we fall. Let us stand united this September 11<sup>th</sup> to honor the dead, support the living, and look with hope to the future.



*Brian Williams and his brother Kenny (left) at Brian's graduation from Covington Catholic*

### Vespers: Remembering the Fallen

By: Ian Dollenmayer

The congregation was standing-room-only in the Cathedral on Sunday, September 11, 2011. A prayer service was held there in remembrance of the terrorist attacks ten years before.

The service was led by Bishop Foys, accompanied by dozens of priests and deacons from all across the diocese. There were also representatives of emergency personnel, political leaders, diocesan schools, families of deceased loved ones, and others from the general public.

Covington Catholic was represented by Mr. Rowe, Mr. Flesch, Mr. Snyder, and the four Student Senate Officers—Grant Guess, Bryan Metzger, Eric Torres, and Ian Dollenmayer. In particular, the Colonel representatives memorialized Brian Williams, a 1990 graduate of Cov Cath who was killed in the World Trade Center.

The service was solemn. During the opening procession, students representing the diocesan elementary and high schools brought candles to the altar. These candles were displayed behind a new memorial to the World Trade Center, a piece of steel beam from the building itself. Together, the congregation prayed the vespers, which are the evening portion of the Liturgy of the Hours, prayed universally in the Catholic Church. In the middle of the ceremony, the Bishop spoke to the crowd about the solemnity of the day and how we must never forget what happened on that fateful morning. At the conclusion of the service, the Bishop blessed the new 9/11 memorial.

In the final words of his address to the congregation, Bishop Foys put into words all that the people in the building, the people of the Diocese of Covington, and the people of the United States prayed and hoped for on the tenth anniversary of 9/11. “We pray to God that our reflection will bear fruit so that we become a stronger and more unified nation. ... May God bless us. May God bless America.”

## Praise For The Cincinnati Police

By: Ian Dollenmayer

Tuesday, August 23, 2011, marks the third shooting by Cincinnati police officers in five days. The most recent involved no injuries to the suspect, but the previous two have left one perpetrator in critical condition and the other dead.

Naturally, as with all crimes, grieving family and friends have come out in flocks telling reporters how their son was “a good boy” and how the Cincinnati Police Department should reevaluate the way their officers respond to situations. In my opinion, however, the Cincinnati Police deserve an extra round of applause for what they have done over these past days.

Living in Northern Kentucky, it is no mystery that Cincinnati has some very unsafe boroughs. Never does a night pass when I do not hear of a shooting in Over the Rhine, Avondale, Price Hill, or more. On top of that, there are robberies, assaults, thefts, and the list goes on.

The Cincinnati Police Department is the thin line that stands against all of this. The officers within it put themselves in harm’s way every day to protect Cincinnatians from the dangers lurking on the streets. Unfortunately, part of the job sometimes involves the use of deadly force to protect the innocent from harm.

Despite this noble cause, some people still find a way to pervert the situation and make the officers appear to be the criminals. There is no more disgusting bastardization of the truth. The officers in question never fired a weapon at someone who did not first threaten them with le-

thal intentions. In all three said shootings, it was the suspect who drew a firearm first, not the officer. The officers had every right in these situations to return fire to defend themselves. Just because they put their lives on the line does not mean they should take the possibility of mortal harm sitting down. Furthermore, the officers acted in defense of the community by what they did. Not one innocent bystander has been harmed in the three recent shootings, but who is to say that would be true if the officers had not acted?

There is more to these shootings than just defense. Though it may sound a bit morbid, they show the community that justice will be served. Cincinnati Police Chief James Craig stated that there will be a zero tolerance policy for violent crime in the city. Perhaps criminals will begin to take that promise seriously now that the police have shown they mean business. Shootings occur every day in Cincinnati, but in the past several days, they have not gone unanswered. The police have demonstrated that they will respond with whatever force necessary to ensure justice and safety.

It is impossible to blame the Cincinnati Police Department in any way for the outcome of these three incidents. The suspects chose to draw firearms on law enforcement officers, and they reaped the consequences of their poor decisions. They had a choice, and they made the wrong one. The fine officers of the Cincinnati Police responded to those choices quickly and efficiently. Sometimes, to preserve safety, justice must be harsh, but isn’t that preservation of justice better than the alternative?

## Let Summer Be Summer

By: Paul Kleier

*The air is warm, the sun is shining, and summer is here. At last, on Memorial Day, school is finally out! We have three months, until Labor Day to be exact, of no homework and no worries. Three blessed months with which to swim, play, and hang out with friends before returning to the deep dark halls of school. I can hardly wait to—* HOLD IT! This is not the summer I remember having. I remember getting off in late May with summer assignments and classes hanging over my head and living with the knowledge that I had to return to school in mid-August. The amazing scenario described is summer as it should be. Summer in the days of our parents and grandparents when teachers saw the value of some time off to refocus and refresh, getting time off to truly prepare for the trauma of returning to school.

In this day and age, summer only remotely resembles those glorious seasons from days past. Even for grade-schoolers, homework of some form over summer vacation is now the norm. School administrations seem to believe that after three months of a relaxing summer, students would forget everything and the teachers would have to start over again come spring. Our poor brains would just leak everything we learned and make a mess on the carpet. What the same administrations seem to ignore is the benefits that can come from a lack of work to do. Going into a three month period with two books to read and twice as many essays to write is not quite as exhilarating as going into summer without such a dreadful raincloud always hovering around. It is harder to enjoy vacation when you know that going back means a return to the drudgery of homework. By now, a lot of students have jobs and adding homework to the mix is downright outrageous. While many teachers—and parents for that matter—would encourage doing the homework right away to get it out of the way, such a suggestion is preposterous, to say the least. After nine brutal months of school, we cannot be seriously expected to sit on a hard, metal chair and start writing mathematical equations instead of going to the pool. Besides, some good stiff procrastination is what summer is all about.

While teachers have a right to assign books during the school year, summer should be the domain of the students. I can think of a whole host of things I would rather be doing than reading chapters upon chapters of a book I have little to no desire to read. Teachers also seem to think that assigning books to read over breaks will cause a miraculous upsurge of reading in students. I’d like to see those statistics. If someone is disinclined to read, making that person read a 150-year-old book will certainly do nothing to change his or her mind. On the other hand, people who already are fond of reading would do better reading material that fits their own personal likes and dislikes rather than the claptrap we are forced to read instead. All of this homework and these assignments are taking away from the magic of summer. It is a season designed for kids to “chill” with their friends and escape from monotonous schedules. Summer homework is not allowing such a beautiful season to make its full effect. Teachers have nine months to drive knowledge into us. All we want is three months to enjoy for ourselves.

## On Planking



Photo by Scott Monahan

My first plank on the second floor garbage can.

By: Eric Torres

Planking is arguably the most popular internet fad today. People across the globe are experiencing this “lazy man’s free running” and trying it out for themselves. Just what is planking? Planking can be defined as the act of laying down flat on any surface and posing for an amount of time. That is pretty much it. Creativity takes over after that.

According to an article by Tom Meltzer on Guardian.co.uk, planking originated in England with two bored teenage boys about ten years ago. It didn’t catch on quick. It slowly spread from their friends to their school to the neighborhood. Facebook skyrocketed its popularity to a worldwide stage and over a few days it had an audience of thousands. Photos of novice plankers flooded the internet, with infinitely varying locations and reactions. From Camels to McDonalds signs, from light poles to police cars, planking has been called a “worldwide art project.”

I decided to experience planking for myself inside the walls of Cov Cath. How hard could it be to find something and lay on it? Well, though it may have sounded easy, I realized that a truly unique plank would be hard to create. I got into a spirit of trying to do something completely unique and funny. After scrounging around and finding nothing remarkable, I conceded to use a mundane garbage can on the second floor. To my surprise, with the addition of some creative camera angles, the plank was pretty cool—despite my poor form, which contradicts the “feet pointing straight down, arms flat on your sides” profile on Facebook.

Planking, like other social phenomenon, will likely fade away in a few short years, replaced by some other internet fad that captures the attention of the youth of the world. For now though, plankers across the globe are still going strong, putting their bodies on the line (or whatever else) to provide entertainment and creativity for internet junkies everywhere. So get out there and plank (in a safe environment and legally...)!

## Welcome, Mr. Ruthsatz

By: Bryan Metzger

Mr. Scott Ruthsatz made his way over to Covington Catholic from St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey. His credentials are quite impressive; he has graduated from The Ohio State University with a BSBA (bachelor's of business administration) and received an MBA (Masters of Business Administration) from Notre Dame University.

When asked what his first impression of Cov Cath was, he simply replied, "there's a lot of spirit here." As he is the new basketball head coach, he was very excited for the upcoming year. "We need to play extremely hard and extremely, extremely aggressive," he said. "There's no room for lack of effort." Coach Ruthsatz has high hopes for this year, and takes the legendary Bob Hurley approach to basketball: "dedication to a tremendous work ethic." Best of luck to the basketball Colonels and Coach Ruthsatz this upcoming season.



Photo by Blake Perkins

Mr. Ruthsatz looks on contentedly.

## Don't Mess with Mrs. Stengle

By: Nick Thelen

A new addition to Covington Catholic's teaching staff has arrived this year, specifically in the math department, and her name is Mrs. Stengle. I knew that she taught Pre-Calculus and Algebra III, but I was interested in finding more out about her background. So I set up an interview one Friday morning before school and discovered a few things.

When I first sat down in her room I immediately noticed a poster hanging up near the top of her wall. The poster was a pencil drawing of a boxing glove with the words, "Don't Mess with Mrs. Stengle." I inquired about this poster, and I found out that a student of Mrs. Stengle actually made it for her during her time teaching at Ludlow High School. Apparently she was teaching a fairly rowdy class, and this student of hers was kind enough to create an appropriate poster.

In addition, I learned that Mrs. Stengle pursued a major in Mathematics at Notre Dame. After college, she was hired at General Electric, putting her math degree to good use. She has also worked with her husband in a business they ran together. Eventually Mrs. Stengle found herself teaching at Ludlow. After two long years, she was able to secure a job here at CovCath. She told me that she has always wanted to teach at this school and now finally has the opportunity. I feel as though she will stay a while, just as long as people "Don't Mess with Mrs. Stengle!"

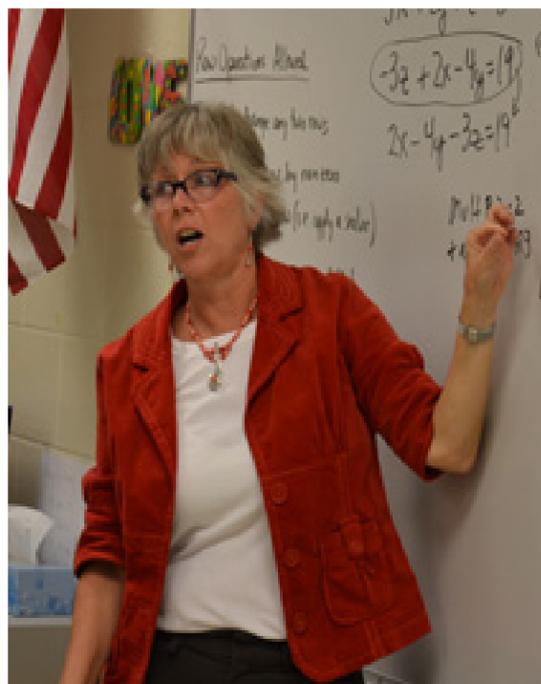


Photo by Ian Dollenmayer

Mrs. Stengle doing what she does best.

## From Across the Sea

By: Eric Schneider

This year, Covington Catholic welcomes a foreign exchange student. Jan-Dominique Schuetz, a junior from Hamburg, Germany, has come to the United States to join the Colonels. Luckily, I was able to catch up with JD to ask him a few questions about his experience so far.

JD said that his most surprising encounter to this point is the relationships between students and teachers. He enjoys the patience and understanding that teachers have with students, but especially with him, as a native German-speaking student. When asked about any differences in the average school day, he remarked, "There is a difference between them. In Germany, you don't have the same classes everyday. The classes vary by the day." JD does have a background of English. He has been studying the language for eight years. "This makes the classes a little easier for me," he remarked.

Being a non-Catholic, I asked JD what he thought about the religion so far. He answered simply, "It is relaxed and awesome." I think Coach Andolina and Coach Zerhusen would be proud to hear this from their foreign exchange student. I was also able to ask JD about his family. He said he misses them, his twelve year-old brother and his parents, but continues to keep in touch over Skype.

Overall, JD has been enjoying his time. The process of getting into the foreign exchange program was slightly difficult. However, he has settled in after going through the struggles of learning a new language and meeting new friends, and will be spending the rest of the year with Ross Rohling's family as a Covington Catholic Colonel. Hopefully he will have a great experience, learn some new things, and return to Germany with some great stories from Colonelville.



Photo by Eric Schneider

J.D. Schuetz, our friend from afar.



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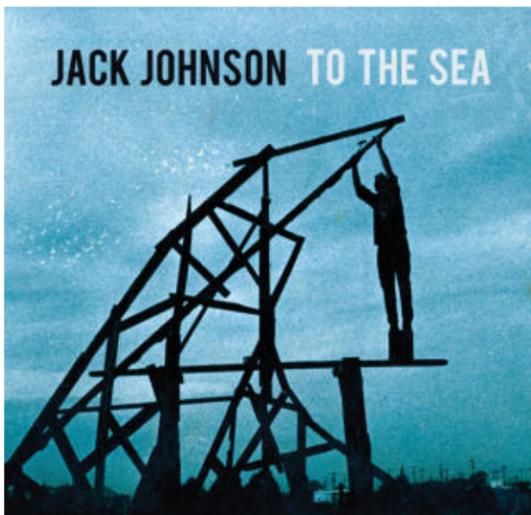
## Jack Johnson

By: Michael Best

Jack Hody Johnson was born on May 18, 1975, on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii. At an early age Jack took an immediate interest in surfing, becoming the youngest invitee to make the surfing finales at the Pipeline Masters on Oahu's north shore at age 17. However, after a surfing accident left him with 150 stitches in his forehead he decided to go a different route with his life. In college he developed a passion for guitar and singing.

In 2001, Jack became famous by his album *Bushfire Fairytales*, which includes one of his most popular songs "Flake". In the summer of 2003 he recorded "On and On" which peaked at number three on the Billboard Hot 200, which helped Jack's fame as one of the best folk singers in the world. He continued his success in March of 2005 when he released the album *In Between Dreams*, which includes songs such as "Banana Pancakes," "Better Together," "If I had Eyes," and "Sitting, Waiting, Wishing." His most recent album, *To the Sea*, was released in 2010 containing "You and Your Heart."

Jack Johnson is the one artist I listen to when I am trying to cheer up. His music always seems to put me and everyone else in a good mood. No matter what the situation is you can always put on Jack Johnson and be happy with the results. I have never met a person who does not enjoy Jack Johnson's soothing and relaxing music.



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## Nightmare

By: Joey Drees

The album *Nightmare* by Avenged Sevenfold was released on July 27, 2010. It was met with excellent feedback and many awards and honors by music fans around the world. It combines mixtures of shredding guitar solos, blazing fast drums, extremely catchy melodies, and very meaningful lyrics. While there are a couple songs that are not up to par with the others, this stands out as a one-of-a-kind album that can be listened to over and over without losing its touch.

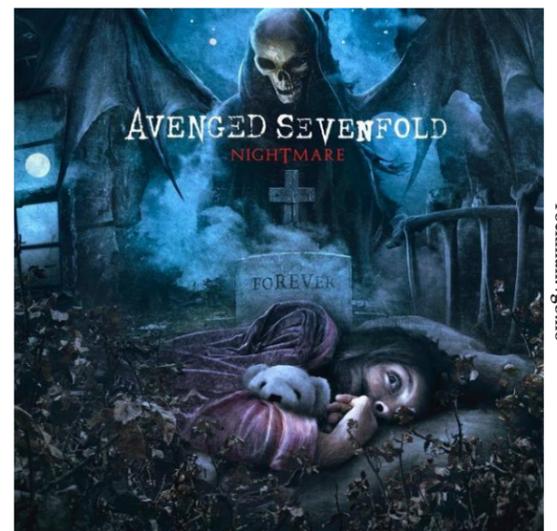
One aspect of this album that makes it unique is the importance that it holds to the band itself and to the diehard fans out there. The drummer for Avenged Sevenfold, Jimmy "The Rev" Sullivan, died on December 28, 2009, by a mixture of painkillers and alcohol. He played an important role in the writing of the album, but he had yet to finish recording drums for the tracks. Mike Portnoy, the drummer for Dream Theater and a huge influence for The Rev, took over the drums for the rest of the album. This album was a way for the band to maintain themselves while going through these tough times of losing a band member. They dedicated the work they put in this to The Rev, and their hard work paid off.

In my opinion, the best song off of *Nightmare* is "Fiction." It was written by The Rev before he died, and the band had also prerecorded his vocals on the track. This song is especially special because it was the last song that The Rev wrote. M. Shadows and Synyster Gates, the singer and lead guitarist of Avenged Sevenfold, revealed in an interview that he had actually started out the song with the title "Death" before changing it to "Fiction." They also said that he died just three days after he had turned the song in to the band. It is a rather slow and mellow song for them, as it mainly features a piano, an instrument that they do not often use.

Other than "Fiction," my favorite songs would include "Nightmare," "Welcome to the Family," and "Save Me." "Nightmare" is a chilling song with a great guitar melody and all around cohesiveness with the music with great lyrics added in. "Welcome to the Family" is an

amazing song musically. From catchy guitar riffs to insane drums, this song is a great feature for Avenged Sevenfold's musical talent. "Save Me" is an epic song lasting almost eleven minutes long. It takes the listener on a wild journey with many different types of styles, from all out rock to soft singing only. The only songs on the album that I do not particularly like are "God Hates Us" and "Danger Line." "God Hates Us" features insane music by the band, but then a lot of the singing is screamo, which does not appeal to me. "Danger Line" has an unusual melody that I could never enjoy. Other than those two songs, I could make an argument that every other song on the album is worthy of being in the top three.

*Nightmare* is the greatest album ever released by Avenged Sevenfold. It still features the amazing music that they have always had, but they have stepped up their game a whole new level with their lyrics. After the death of The Rev, they were able to use this music to heal and to use as a tribute to him. Almost every song on the album could be considered for a top-10 music chart because of the dynamic lyrics and music. The depth of this album is particularly amazing. Over a year after its release, I can listen to this entire album and still feel the same way about it as I did the first time I listened to it, which is not easy for a band to achieve. Avenged Sevenfold stepped it up with *Nightmare*, and it will be hard for anyone to top it.



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## Lil' Wayne's "I Am Still Music" Tour

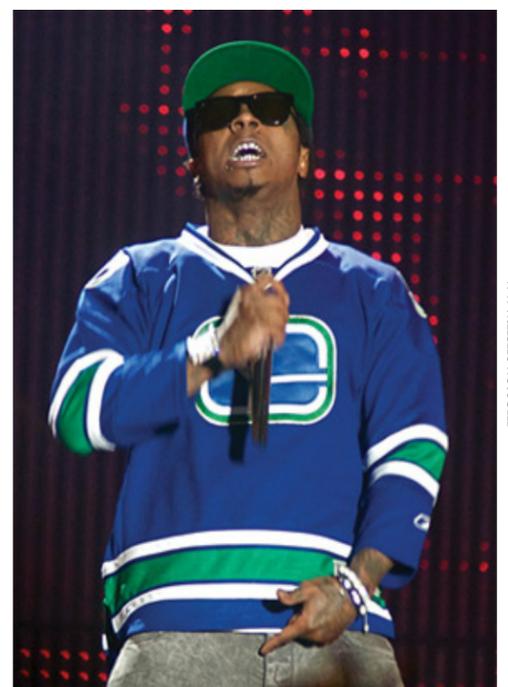
By: Eric Schneider

Dwayne Carter, widely known as Lil' Wayne, is one of the most popular rap artists in the world today. After an extensive musical drought, Wayne announced the release of his new album, *The Carter IV*, which was supposed to be released in June, but was delayed until August 29<sup>th</sup>. Carter released a mix tape named *Sorry 4 The Wait* to keep fans content as he finished the final touches on the album, while also touring the United States and Canada in the I Am Still Music Tour. Luckily, for all Lil' Wayne fans, the tour stopped in Cincinnati's Riverbend for a night.

The concert itself was ideal for any rap enthusiast, but one of the more unique parts about the concert was the various artists who were there, whether in the parking lot or on stage for small performances, trying to make a name for

themselves as Wayne did. Many rap admirers enjoy listening to these up-and-coming artists, and some fans will even invest in a CD or mix tape—these do not always live up to expectations, as my friend learned when he bought a Big Lou CD. Regardless, rap concerts are always interesting, attracting a variety of races and ethnic groups, and introducing new artists to all of the fans.

Overall, the concert was a success, and Lil' Wayne provided his fans with another epic concert with new songs from *Sorry 4 The Wait* and even his first album, *Carter*. Lil' Wayne continues to inspire rappers to chase their dreams and entertain crowds with his creative rhymes and innovative beats and rhythms. Nothing seems to stop Wayne, so the only question for this superstar would be: What's next?



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## Cowboys & Aliens

By Ryan Dickmann

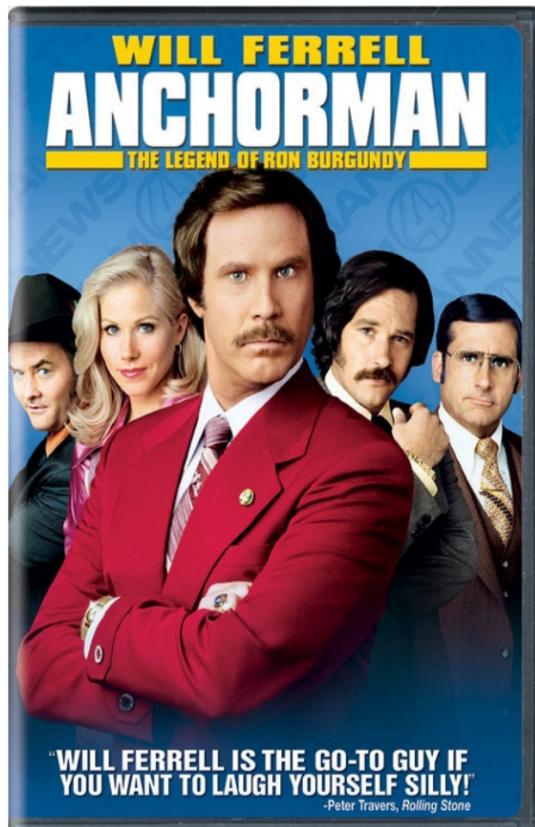
With the many action movies that came out this summer, one that distinguished itself from the rest was *Cowboys and Aliens*. Its unique blend of the sci-fi and western genres attracted many viewers, including myself, to the theatres. I was intrigued to see if this action movie could deliver depth in addition to the explosions and gunfights one would expect.

The story follows outlaw Jake Lonergan (Daniel Craig) who wakes up to find himself in the middle of the desert with no recollection of who he is or where he is from. In addition to the already dire situation, he discovers that he



has a puncture wound on his side and a strange device shackled to his wrist. He then acquires a horse and makes his way to the nearby town of Absolution. Shortly after he arrives in town, he is arrested for the theft of a stagecoach belonging to the wealthy Woodrow Dolarhyde (Harrison Ford). After hearing news of Lonergan's capture, Dolarhyde and his men ride into town to punish him themselves. Upon their arrival, the town is attacked by several alien aircraft. The aliens descend on Absolution, using bungee chord-like devices to capture many of the town's inhabitants. The strange device on Jake's wrist becomes active and is used to shoot down one of the aliens. The next morning, Jake, along with a small posse of townsmen, follows the trail of the downed alien in order to save those who were captured and discover the secrets of his past.

Although the movie had a strong introduction and a solid premise, the film came with many plot-related flaws. Jake Lonergan was a character that developed; however, most of the other characters remained unrealized even to the very end. It would have been nice to learn more about the supporting characters. In addition, the large number of plot holes was detrimental to the story. As the movie ran on, it seemed to become less and less interesting. *Cowboys and Alien* showed great potential in the beginning, but this trend did not continue.



## Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy

By: Sean Baute

Every once in a blue moon, there comes a movie that is loved by people of all ages. *Anchorman* is not that movie. However, if you are looking for a classic comedy, look no further. Played by one of the funniest actors of all time, Will Ferrell, Ron Burgundy runs the show. From his snazzy wardrobe to his apartment that smells of rich mahogany, he was on top of the news world. Will Ferrell teams up again with director Adam McKay for one of the most classic comedies of all time. These two have also teamed up in movies such as *Taladega Nights*, *Step Brothers*, and *The Other Guys*, all of which have been great successes.

This movie chronicles the rise and fall of San Diego's most beloved anchorman. He is kind of a big deal. People know him. He and his crew have been the top news team in San Diego for quite some time. See what happens when the network hires a new anchorman, who happens to be a woman. Ron and his news team react with a series of funny stunts and attempts to get her completely out of the picture. If you have never seen *Anchorman*, you are missing something. Get on it now. It is a must see.

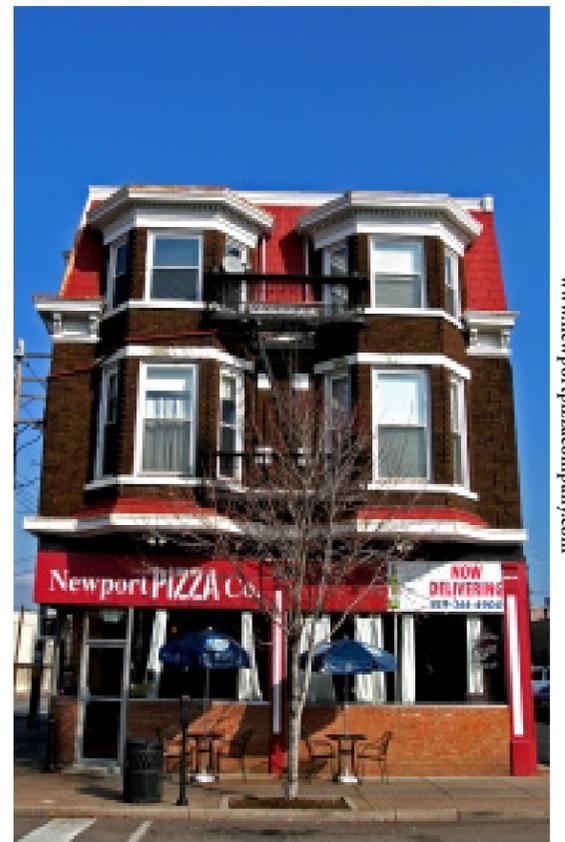
## Newport Pizza Company

By: Michael Helton

Before prepping up for the Dixie game, Ian Dollenmayer and I decided to grab a bite to eat. Pizza sounded delicious as always, so we traveled down to Monmouth Street. We stopped in at Newport Pizza Company, located at 601 Monmouth St., Newport, KY. Fortunately, there was no wait for a table in the small restaurant. As we glanced over the menu, we could not help but show our surprise at the eccentric variety of combinations.

One pizza, The Cincinnatus, consisted of Skyline Chili dip and cream cheese. After a long and difficult debate, we decided on the Buffalo Chicken Pizza. Not long after we ordered, a beautiful ring of cheese, chicken, and buffalo sauce was placed before us. We began to tear away at it. With every bite, we expected the delicious taste to fade, but we were delighted to find that it never did.

In our opinion, it far surpassed any other pizza in the area. The price was very reasonable, especially for a couple of high school students—generally \$6-10 per person. Also, they had an incredible selection of toppings that would please any picky eater. At the game that night, we could not stop talking about it. We gave it 4.5 out of 5 stars.



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## CCH Chapel Receives an Upgrade

By: Alex Flynn

Over the summer, our chapel was given a new set of stained-glass doors. Talks for the new doors began in February of 2011, and the final product was ready and installed for the 2011-2012 school year.

The design was finalized through the cooperation of Mr. Haders and the Eckerle family along with Stained Glass Overlay in Elsmere.

Funding was raised for the new doors through the annual wiffle ball tournament and through generous donations by the Eckerle family.

The doors serve a greater purpose than just being an entrance to the chapel. The doors are dedicated in the memory of William Haders, Mr. Haders's brother, and Gene Eckerle, Mr. Tom Eckerle's father. Gene Eckerle started the Christian Awakening program here at Covington Catholic so this is a nice tribute to the service he put into the religion program.

Father William Fitzgerald, Covington Catholic's previous Chaplain, also had a say in the design of the doors. Since Covington Catholic is a Marian School, he thought that the doors should be mainly blue and white not only to represent Covington Catholic, but also to represent Mary. Also his idea of the water-like background represents being cleansed when we enter the chapel.

The doors will soon undergo slight repair to simplify the faces of Mary and Jesus. The current faces are stickers and look diverse from the rest of the door. The faces will eventually be simplified and made of stained-glass by the end of the school year.



A view of the new doors in all their glory.



Bishop Foys begins the Consecration.

## Colonels Looking Good at All School Mass (What's New?)

By: Michael Best

Every year, Mr. Rowe is one of the first diocesan principals to invite Bishop Foys to their respective schools to preside over mass.

On Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Foys along with other priests from around the area conducted an all school mass for Cov Cath at St. Agnes Church. It was the first all school mass of the year, and the students and faculty wanted to start out the year on a good note. The students were released after their third period and then made the march up to the church looking spiffy in their white button up shirts and their CCH ties. Mr. Wolfe and his Chamber Choir sang their hearts out in an attempt to make a good impression on the Bishop. Some parents even shed some tears because of the beauty of their voices. The Bishop was so impressed with the Chamber Choir and the student participation that he gave the students Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, off making Labor Day weekend four days long.

With such a divine christening upon the 2011-2012 school year, the coming nine months are guaranteed to be fantastic.

## Freshman First Impressions With Tyler Micek

By: Eric Schneider

Generally, the only time a senior asks a freshman a question, it goes along the lines of, "Hey, you wanna sing the fight song?" or "Why don't you take my tray for me?" But, I caught up with Tyler Micek and asked him some questions that were completely non-threatening or asking for favors.

"Coming into CovCath, I was really worried about being hazed by my brother and his friends more than anything," Micek remarks. I asked him if it was safe to say he was a little nervous about his first experience at CovCath, and, of course, Micek responded with a quick "Yes." It seems that many freshmen are afraid of juniors and seniors shoving them into lockers or various other forms of initiation, according to Tyler Micek. I can assure you that none of this happens, and Tyler will concur. Aside from the typical freshman fear of Covington Catholic initiation traditions, Tyler says that he is particularly excited about the CovCath traditions of Super Hike and basketball games.

In conclusion, Tyler has enjoyed his experience as a Colonel to this point, and I made him aware that it only gets better. As a senior at CovCath, I know what it truly means to be a Colonel, but I was impressed when I asked Tyler, as a freshman, to put the whole experience into a few words. He stated, "The spirit at CovCath was something that I had always heard about, but now I actually know what it's all about. Just being at the lunches, games, and in the hallways is something special."

## Griffin Centre Update

By: Matthew Rolf

As many of you know, the building to the side of the school, known as the Griffin Centre is presently being renovated into a multipurpose facility. A staff of volunteers, led by Alumni Director Richard Dickmann, is working with the school to finish this highly awaited project.

Currently the lower level of the building is being turned into the Alumni Center. This is where the monthly alumni meetings will be held, along with other gatherings. The space will include a fireplace, game area, spirit shop and display cases for Covington Catholic memorabilia. The building will also house the Development Offices and the Athletic Boosters. In addition to renovating the building, a second entrance to the school will be added with a working stop light. This entrance will be in front of the Griffin Centre directly across from St. Joseph Lane. It will greatly help the traffic flow entering and exiting school.

After a couple years of planning and discussion, this development is finally nearing completion. The alumni along with everyone involved in the project are highly anticipating the opening of this facility.

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## Club Tidbits

By: Paul Kleier

Clubs of all kinds can be found at Covington Catholic. Here are some tidbits about them:

- **Academic Team (Mr. Balskus):** The Academic Team practices on Tuesday mornings and has matches throughout most of the year. Governor's Cup, the state tournament, takes place at the end of the school year.
- **Ambassadors Club (Mr. Flesch):** The Ambassadors Club is designed to get Cov Cath students to help put our school in the community and to recruit for future years. They help with the Open House, grade school tours, and help welcome new students.
- **Art Club (Mr. Haders):** This club has a variety of fun activities from visiting art museums to attending Reds games.
- **Band (Mr. Cerimele):** The band practices in the mornings on Fridays and often play at sporting events.
- **B.U.G. Club (Coach Krumps):** This club helps Coach Krumps take care of his many animals every morning before school and can earn you extra credit on your Biology grade.
- **CCH Times (Mrs. Ruth):** This is the Cov Cath newspaper. There are new editions every month.
- **CCH Yearbook (Mrs. Ruth):** The yearbook is put together by the Journalism class and a lot of work goes into it.
- **Chamber Choir (Mr. Wolfe):** The best singers in the school, the chamber choir often sings around the community and you can see them at school masses.
- **Chess Club (Mr. McCoy):** Normally

meeting on Tuesdays at Sub Station II, the chess club is a good time to get in a few games of chess and hang out with friends.

- **Community Service Club (Mr. Snyder):** This group focuses on getting good work done in the community. There are always great ways to help out.
- **Creative Writing/Poetry Club (Mr. Collins):** A new club this year, it plans on writing and learning about poetry.
- **Cycling Club (Mr. Mott):** This club is all about cycling around the community.
- **Drama Club (Ms. Mosko):** Members of this club participate in the cast and crew of NDA/CCH plays at different times around the year.
- **Drug Free Club of America (Mr. Flesch):** This club rewards students who choose to be drug free.
- **Environmental Club (Ms. Mosko):** This club helps keep the campus looking nice and also raises awareness of environmental issues.
- **Fishing Club (Mr. Snyder):** The fishing club gathers on pleasant Sundays at various locations to fish.
- **Governor's Cup (Mr. Balskus):** This academic tournament features members of the academic team as well as other students.
- **JETS (Mr. Hartman):** The Jr. Engineering Technical Society work together in math and science and eventually participate in the TEAMS competition.
- **Junior Achievement (Mr. Kaelin):** This program works with the economics classes and gives students a feel for in-

terviews and other aspect of the subject.

- **Literary Magazine (Mrs. Ruth):** This is a collection of student writings that are collected during the year and published at the end of the year.
- **National English Honor Society (Mrs. Ruth):** This organization is busy year round reading at Madonna Manor, having faculty events, and hosting pancake breakfasts.
- **National Honor Society (Mrs. Shepard):** This organization focuses on maintaining high grades and getting community service done.
- **Philanthropy Club (Coach A):** The philanthropy club organizes teams to research charity organizations and donate money to certain ones.
- **Photography Club (Mrs. Ruth):** This club captures beauty locally as well as from other places and displays it on the second floor.
- **Pro-Life Club (Coach A):** Focusing on opposing abortion, the pro-life club encourages its members to attend rosary services, walks for life, and the March for Life.
- **Quill and Scroll Club (Mrs. Ruth):** This club is open only to students in Journalism I and Journalism II.
- **Ski Club:** This club organizes in the winter months to enjoy the white slopes of Perfect North.
- **Spanish Club (Mrs. Rasp):** This club gathers on the first Wednesday of every month discuss activities.
- **Spirit Club (Ms. Mosko):** The spirit clubs focuses on raising school spirit and also chooses themes for games.

By: Eric Torres

## Drama Preview 2011/2012

It looks to be another riveting year for the CCH/NDA Drama Season. *Our Town* will serve as the season opener on October 13-15, followed by a Christmas production in December. *Godspell* will be performed at Easter time, for both the general public and feeder schools, and the season will close with the musical *Once Upon This Island*.

Notre Dame Academy has hired a new Drama Instructor, Ms. Cathy Creason. Ms. Creason has training and experience in play direction, staging, voice lessons, music direction and also teaches English (Ndpandas.com). With new leadership over at Notre Dame, in addition to Cov Cath's own Ms. Mosko, experi-

ence will not be lacking this year in drama direction.

The turnout of those interested in theatre across the street is always expansive, but usually a smaller pool of actors are drawn from Cov Cath. This is an excellent opportunity for colonels on all grade levels to showcase their talents on and behind the stage for both school communities and themselves.

Here at Cov Cath, we are lucky enough to have the opportunity to perform on a brand new, state of the art theater with a brand new, highly experienced director. Drama colonels this year have an unprecedented opportunity to truly make an impact on the future of NDA/CCH Drama program.

### Our Town Cast

George Gibbs.....	Norb Wessels
Dr. Gibbs.....	Quenton Floyd
Mr. Webb.....	Grant Lyons
Man in the Auditorium,	
Joe Stoddard .....	Noah Gripshover
Simon Stimson.....	Brady Dunn
Constable Warren.....	Eric Zimmer
Si Crowell.....	James Hummeldorf
Sam Craig.....	Justin Van Dusen



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## Wyoming Retreat

By: Jacob Lange

During the summer three teachers, two alumni, and twenty-eight sophomore students journeyed to Wyoming for the annual sophomore summer retreat. The retreat takes place at Ring Lake Ranch just outside of Dubois, Wyoming. The students left on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and returned July 10<sup>th</sup>. The chaperones included teachers Mr. Hertsenberg, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Zerhusen. Also chaperoning were two alumni Pat Van Sant, and Ryan Darner.

Each morning on the retreat begins with a morning prayer service and ends the day with a challenging retreat activity for the sophomores to take part in. The students are also given the opportunity to celebrate Mass multiple times throughout the retreat as well as celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On the Saturday of the retreat the group celebrates mass at Our Lady of the Mountains parish in Jackson, Wyoming. The Colonels participate in these activities to help strengthen their relationship with God, and to build new friendships as well as strengthen the ones they had already formed.

During the week the twenty-eight sophomores went horseback riding, hiked up mountains and on trails, went canoeing, fished, went to Yellowstone National Park, and even swam in a glacier lake. One interesting thing about this year's trip was that while visiting Yellowstone National Park, a man was mauled to death near one of the trails that the students and chaperones walked on. The area of Wyoming where the retreat took place also received more snowfall than expected making the hikes and trails much harder for our chaperones to remember. The students also swam in a glacier lake measuring in at a whopping thirty nine degrees.

After the retreat, every student that goes comes back a changed person. Everyone talks about how it is the best week of their life. The students return with strong bonds and friendships with the students and chaperones that went on the trip. This retreat has such an impact on these Colonels' lives that it even makes the students who went on it in years past want to come back as chaperones like pat van Sant and Ryan Darner. All of these students came back closer to God and to their fellow Colonels.



Photo by Al Hertsenberg

The 2011 Wyoming Retreat group in front of the Grand Tetons.

## Nicaragua: A Life-Changing Experience

By: Eric Schneider

Charlie Mader, a senior this year at CovCath, was one of the many who were able to make the trip sponsored by Amigos for Christ to Nicaragua in Central America in June of 2011. The group embarked on a mission led by Coach Andolina and Coach Hovan to build water lines and perform various other deeds to help the less fortunate population in the country. Although the weeklong trip involved much work, Charlie had plenty of interesting and fun memories from the journey.

When the group was not digging trenches, they were taking trips to various areas of interest in Nicaragua such as the Sera Negra volcano, as well as the San Cristobal volcano (the tallest volcano in Central America). While traveling to the Sera Negra as a tradition of the mission trip, they had to pass through an area full of low hanging trees, which forced everyone in the SUVs to duck to avoid being slapped by one of the branches. Unfortunately for Charlie, he missed one of the "DUCK!" calls. He was hit and knocked out by one of the branches. Charlie suffered no long-term injuries, but does not remember the rest of the drive to Sera Negra.

Aside from the injury, Charlie said, "One of the coolest things we did was climbing San Cristobal. We were the first group to ever climb that volcano." Throughout the trip, Charlie saw life through a completely different point of view; he claimed that this changed his life. "I look at things totally differently now," he remarked. Charlie also lost twelve pounds and enjoyed the benefits of sleeping on a top bunk bed when a lizard pooped on his bed eight times within the seven days. The trip provided many humorous, scary, and rewarding moments for the entire group, and Charlie definitely wants to go back with the other alumni who make the trip. The mission trip has become a wonderful CovCath tradition that continues to grow.



## Fun in the Sun: CCH Summer Vacations of 2011

By: Chase Zimmer

Colonels are everywhere. They travel, they explore, and they even hike.

This summer senior Ryan Dickmann went on an adventurous hiking trip to Sequoia National Park in Southern California. When asked why he went on this vigorous exploration, Dickmann said, "I just wanted to experience nature in a different sense through a week of hiking and exploration." The trip involved a week of hiking along cliff sides, climbing mountains, and camping under over two thousand year-old Sequoias. "It was a very difficult journey," said Dickmann, "but it was probably one of the most rewarding experiences of my life." He continued to say, "The perspective from atop the mountains was like nothing I had ever seen before." He also stated the highs and lows of the trip. "I loved the hiking, camping, and nature, but the food was just awful." Freeze-dried food, tuna, and peanut butter must have really been a feast, but it seemed like it was well worth it. His experience at Sequoia National Park surely was a life changing experience to share with his father and fellow CCH alumnus, John Brucato.

Colonels travel, explore and even hike. They face challenges and conquer them day by day.



Photo by Ryan Dickmann

Part of the mountain range that Ryan Dickmann hiked in.

Local Event Brings Friends Together

By: Paul Kleier

On Friday August 26, hundreds of people gathered in the parking lot of St. Agnes to celebrate Homecoming. A yearly event, this is one of the most anticipated parts of the local parish's calendar.

Every year, with cheap food, drink, and treats, it promises a fun night to greet old friends and make new ones. The band is spectacular and the company even more so. Young children are entertained by a variety of games as well as face painting and balloon booths. Older kids often find enjoyment on the soccer fields. Filling water bottles with dirt and throwing it out again is a growing activity with the young people. As it grows dark and the moon comes out you cannot help but have a good time. There are plenty of tables to play cards or just sit and talk.

This year in particular, Homecoming was a great success. A lot of students, after watching Cov Cath thoroughly trounce Dixie's football team, came to the St. Agnes event to hang out with their friends. For St. Agnes alumni especially, Homecoming is a great time. There is always a chance that you will bump into a former teacher, classmate, or parish priest. If you are ever in need of some good company in late August, St. Agnes Homecoming will always welcome you.

Community Sports

By: Sean Kiely

The last year for the for the Cincinnati professional sports teams have been pretty up-and-down. There have been some bright spots, but those bright spots have been overshadowed by too many difficulties for the teams.

The past couple months for the Reds have been quite a struggle. They have completely eliminated themselves from any real possibility of going to the playoffs. Yet as of lately, the Reds have been playing somewhat better. As of August 30, they pulled up to a winning percentage of .500 (67-67) yet they still are 13.5 games out of first place. Although the struggles have continued there is one bright spot on the Reds in the young utility player Yonder Alonso. Going into the game against the Phillies on August 30, he was batting an amazing .529 during his short time. This is amazing feat since he was only called up to the majors on July 26. Hopefully his outstanding performance will boost the Reds and help continue the good play until the end of this year and into next season.

It is a going to be quite an optimistic season for the Bengals, as they try to rebuild after a dismal season last year. They did bolster the offense in some key spots during the draft by selecting wide receiver A.J. Green from the University of Georgia and quarterback Andy Dalton from the Texas Christian University. With veteran and last year's starting quarterback, Carson Palmer, mostly going to retire if he does not get traded, the offense will have to rely on the arm of Dalton. Although the Bengals had a solid good draft and did resign star running back Cedric Benson, they did lose key players in wide receivers Chad Ochocinco and Terrell Owens, and cornerback Jonathan Joseph.

Although there have many complications for the two teams, there are some optimistic spots. Hopefully, the Reds and the Bengals, can fight through those problems and get back to the playoffs.

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## Varsity Football Starts with a Bang

By: Blake Perkins

As the season began this year, the Colonels under the leadership of Head Coach Dave Wirth hoped to get off to a fast start, and getting off to a fast start is just what they did.

In the season opener, the Colonels traveled to Campbell County to take on the Camels on the first Friday night of the season. From the beginning to the end of the game, it was all about the Colonels. The offense was able to outscore the Camels 35 – 0 in the first half with a well balanced attack of running lead by Gabe Gray and dangerous aerial assault by Blake Bir. With the game well in hand, the Colonels were able to put in their JV squad and successfully take home a victory, 42 – 2.

The following Friday the lights were turned on this time at Dixie Heights High School for the Battle of Dixie Highway against the Little Colonels. After tailing Dixie at halftime 28 – 14 the Colonels came out and put on a show. Gabe Gray with help from his offensive line was able to accumulate five touchdowns in the second half alone and tie the record for most points and touchdowns scored in a game. Also, a break out defensive game came from sophomore linebacker Sam Burchell with his hard hits on Dixie's quarterback Zeke Pike. With the stellar second half performance, the Colonels went on to win 56 – 35 and be able to claim themselves as the real Colonels on the Dixie.

After soaring to two victories the Colonels then suffered their first defeat of the season against a member of the GCL, La Salle. On a day where the game was moved up to a ten o'clock start time to avoid the heat, the team was unable to adjust and was unable to stop the high powered attack of the Lancers. At halftime, with a score of 41 – 10 in favor of the Lancers, the heat had risen to 106 degrees on the football field, and the game was called due to the incredible heat.

In an effort to rebound from a tough loss, the team set their sights on the Rebels of Boone County. The field was muddy due to the rain during the week and both teams seemed to be affected by the wet conditions. Blake Bir struggled throughout the game but was able to lead the Colonels to a hard fought victory, 28 – 20.

With rivalry games against both Beechwood and Highlands upcoming, the Colonels prepare for a tough stretch of critical football. Both games will be held at home at one o'clock and the support would be much appreciated to cheer the Colonels to victory.

## Soccer Colonels Continue to Rise

By: Nick Thelen

Coach Mott and his varsity soccer squad entered the season with high hopes. After a disappointing finish in last year's run for a state title, the Colonels needed to redeem themselves. They would be taking part in a highly competitive tournament in Louisville early on in the season, and CovCath knew that a good showing would be necessary in order to contend well later on in the season.

The current varsity squad is led by a talented group of thirteen seniors, ten of which are starters, and many juniors capable of playing extremely well off the bench. For this reason CovCath was considered one of the top teams in Northern Kentucky. During their tournament in Louisville, the Colonels faced off against the then number one team in the state: Ballard High School. Defeating the Bruins in an upset, the prominent varsity squad won in penalty kicks after a last-minute goal by Ballard that tied the game 2-2. The Soccer Colonels would go on to win the entire tournament. With this incredible feat, Covington Catholic earned a first-place state ranking. Their hard work was finally paying off. Later, a coaches' poll would come out, placing the Colonels on the national leader board and ranking them 23<sup>rd</sup> in the entire nation. The pressure that comes with recognition did not stop CovCath, however, and they would continue their season of dominance.

Next up on the Colonels' radar was Campbell County, the team that ended last year's hope of a state title. Vengeance would be exacted on that Tuesday. CovCath came away with a commanding victory of six to nil, but their onslaught could not be stopped by their next two opponents either. McNicholas and Cooper both fell to the Colonels, making the overall record 8-0. Ryle, though, was able to stall Covington Catholic's roll, and the two ended their contest in a 1-1 tie.

Coach Mott and his Colonels are still undefeated. The tie will only serve to harden their resolve as they continue taking on opponents, and now an even more aggressive and tactical team will emerge. CovCath can smell victory, but they realize that everything will have to be earned, and nothing will come easy. May they have the best of luck as they near the post-season.

## JV Squadron Lifts Off

By: David Moser

The Junior Varsity Soccer Squadron is off to a good start this season, coming off four straight wins until a hard loss against the Ryle Raiders. This record includes close wins against Highlands and McNicholas. Averaging two goals scored and one goal against per game, the J.V. seems to be heading in the right direction. Recently, the Colonels played a tough and controversial game against Cooper, resulting in their first tie. "We made a lot of mental mistakes. We easily could have won but we kept them in the game," Junior Varsity's top scorer Adam Atkinson stated. "We have the potential to come away with the victories; we just need to keep up the work."

With the leadership and experience of J.V. head coach Al Hertsberg, the soccer Colonels have a lot of potential to be successful this season. Hertsberg commented, "There is a lot of talent on the team. We can score a lot of goals if we utilize that talent in the right ways." In the next few weeks their talent and resilience will be truly tested with a handful of tough games.



Photo by Diane Ruth

Senior Nick Thelen on defense.

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## NFL Preview

By: Luke Roberts

The NFL is right around the corner. As teams are preparing for the upcoming season, you can too with your 2011 CCH NFL Preview. Who's Hot, Who's Not? The NFL has many outstanding teams this season, but which ones will be at the top of the pack or the bottom of the pit?

This offseason has been a very eventful one. Many teams have pursued some big names and successfully signed their most valued players. For example, The Philadelphia Eagles may have perhaps had the most triumphant offseason. They signed most valued cornerback Nnamdi Asomugh to a five year \$60 million dollar contract. This was their biggest acquisition but they also picked former Texas Longhorn QB Vince Young. He will be a valuable player as backup quarterback if anything happens to star, Michael Vick.

The New England Patriots also followed through with some upgrades. They picked up former Bengal great Chad Ochocinco and big nose tackle Albert Haynesworth. The New York Jets got Plaxico Burress, the Arizona Cardinals got Kevin Kolb, and the Houston Texans signed Jonathan Joseph. All of these teams are hoping to have a playoff-contending team with their latest acquisitions.

That is the NFL offseason in a nutshell, but what about your Bengals? The Bengals have had a tough go of it for the past year or two, and they are hoping to turn it around with youth, lots and lots of youth. They drafted TCU great, Andy Dalton, in the draft along with "The Beast" from Georgia, A.J. Green. They also traded for young Taylor Mays, a talented, hard-hitting safety out of USC with only two years experience. They resigned running back Cedric Benson, even after his offseason arrest in his hometown of Austin, Texas. So, the Bengals got their star player back, got their youth, and are geared up for the start of the 2011-12 season, but do they have a shot at playoff contention? I guess we will just have to wait and see.



Photo by Prestige

JV #10, Sam Dressman, goes for the kick.

## Fantasy Kickoff

By: Chase Zimmer

Here we go again! The 2011 Fantasy Football season is quickly approaching and you need to start planning your draft and season strategies. There are many ways to plan your draft, but which way will lead your team to a championship? We have the inside scoop.

**First Down:** We all know the Chris Johnson's, Larry Fitzgerald's, and Tom Brady's of the fantasy football world. There are certain players that shine year after year and those are the obvious choices, but who are the sleepers and possible surprises this year. That is how you need to assemble your team. Names such as Felix Jones, Kevin Kolb, and Jared Cook could become the newest NFL stars this season. Jones is a very aggressive runner with the speed to blow by defenders and the power to break a tackle or two. He will be a beast this year in D Town. Kevin Kolb is a star in the making. He now has his first opportunity as a full time starter in Arizona and he will surly flourish in this position. Jared Cook is a young, talented tight end in his third year out of South Carolina. He will have a huge opportunity this year with Matt Hasselbeck throwing the rock in Tennessee. Look for all three of these players to come up huge for not only their team this season, but for your fantasy team as well.

**Second Down:** The way to win in fantasy football is playing by matchups. In order to lead your team to victory you will need to look at players schedules and try to get players whose schedules favor them instead of the opposing defense. If a player is up against the number 30 ranked defense in the league, the player will most likely have a productive day on the gridiron.

**Third Down:** Now that you know who to pick and what to base your picks on, let's talk how you should pick. Most of the upper tier players are running backs. They get the most touches in a game and they have the better chance to score. You will most likely draft a RB in the first round. Wide receiver is probably good position to select as your next choice, this way you will have a star receiver to go along with your franchise running back. After you have your two star players, go for the gut and get a consistent quarterback. Odds are that the top five QB's will already be off the board, but you will still be able to grab a nice, consistent, points getting QB. After the first three rounds you will have your three most important positions nailed down. You can then go after the best player available or what you need to fill your roster. Remember, take risks and go for the gold.

**Fourth Down:** You are now prepared for your draft. You have all you need to dominate this year's fantasy football league, now go out and do it. If you need any other advice, go to Yahoo! Sports, ESPN, or feel free to ask me, Chase Zimmer, any other questions you may have about your team. Good luck this year, I hope you have a great season. Unless, of course, you are in my league.

## Running to Victory

By: Alex Flynn

The Cross Country Colonels are off to a great start! They are currently ranked fourth in the state and coming off their best race of the season at The Grant County Invitational. The time gap between the top scoring five was a mere thirty-seven seconds. The Colonels are working together and keeping the points low. The fourth ranked Colonels surpassed the third ranked Lexington Catholic Knights by fifteen points to bring home the second place trophy. They fell short to only 3A Pulaski County. The next time that the Colonels will be back on this course is when they will be racing for the regional title.

New Head Coach Tom Arnold is extremely happy with the boys' results and progress so far this season. "We are stacking up well against the competition in both our region and state. We have a great combination of experience and new talent." Coach Arnold is also excited about how well the boys are getting along inside and outside of Cross Country.

The squad only lost one of its scoring members from the sixth place team in the state meet last year. Alex Flynn, Grant Guenther, Bradley Couch, and Ryan Panoushek are all stepping up and filling the open position.

North Oldham is currently favored to win the state title while the Colonels are ranked fourth. When asked about their shot at a state title, Coach Arnold replied with "The top four teams at state get trophies. I am confident we will get a trophy; we will wait and see what number it has on it."

Brian Menke is a returning sophomore on the team who finished sixtieth at the state meet last year as a freshman and looks to be in the top fifteen this year. He is very confident with the team surrounding him. "We are a much more talented team. We are improving everyday as a team unlike the inconsistency from last year." Menke had much to say about two of the newcomers. "Alex Flynn is showing great leadership and talent. Grant Guenther is the surprise of the year. It seems he has taken my spot as 'The Freshman Sensation.'"

The new "Freshman Sensation" is 4'10" and 81 pound Grant Guenther. He placed thirtieth in The Grant County Invitational with a time of 17:43. This time is already twenty-four seconds better than Menke's best time of his freshman season.

Team captain Brayden Schlagbaum is off to the best start of all the Colonels. Schlagbaum placed twentieth in the state meet last year and looks to be in at least the top ten this year. He currently has the twelfth best time in 2A with a 17:06 and is continuing to improve. "We have a great amount of experience on the team. If we combine that with all the new talent we received this year, then we are going to be a tough team to beat."

With a strong team full of experienced leadership and talented newcomers, the Colonels have high hopes for this season.

## Freddie Fútbol

By: Jacob Lange

Once again the freshman soccer team, coached by Maureen (Dugan) Osterhaus, has begun their season hoping to have yet another successful season. Their season begins in mid-July after the KHSSA dead period with conditioning sessions. The freshman level for soccer does not cut anyone from the team. This year's team consists of seventeen freshman players: Patrick Ballow, Sam Buckley, Ben Fathman, Jared Flood, Stuart Green, Ben Hafer, Parker Kenney, Robert Lilly, Tim Martin, Joe Pieper, Ben Pohlabein, Joey Schuh, Erik Schutzman, Kurt Stegman, Zach Stetter, Grant Woodcock, and Brandon Zumbiel. The team plays thirteen regular season games starting from their match-up against Ryle at home (a 2-2 tie) on August 15<sup>th</sup>, until their match against Scott, at Scott High School, on September 29<sup>th</sup>. On September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> the team will play in the District and Regional Tournament at Town and Country.

In the Colonels' first game of the season against Ryle, Grant Woodcock assisted Kurt Stegman who scored the Colonels' first goal of the season only one minute into the game. Ryle soon scored after a shot was blocked by the Colonels' goalie. Twenty minutes into the game the Colonels struck again when Robert Lilly scored on a loose ball just outside the box that sailed past the Ryle Goalie. The Ryle Raiders tied the game up with five minutes left in the first half. In the second half, both the Colonels and the Raiders had multiple opportunities to score, but both defenses stayed strong and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. The Colonels' second game was a 2-0 win over the rival Highlands Bluebirds. Both goals were scored by the Colonels' Patrick Ballow.

His first goal was scored in the eighth minute of the first half, with his second goal coming eleven minutes into the second half. The Colonels' goalkeeper Zach Stetter recorded the shutout.

The Colonels' followed their win over Highlands with a 5-0 victory over another rival, the Dixie Heights Colonels. Goals were scored by Ben Hafer, two by Patrick Ballow, and two by Parker Kenney. Zach Stetter recorded his second shutout of the season. Their next game against St. Henry was yet another win for the Colonels' when Patrick Ballow scored on a penalty kick in the second half scoring the only goal of the game with Ben Fathman recording the shutout for the Colonels.

They then struggled losing their next two games 1-0 to their Louisville opponents, both Louisville Trinity and Louisville St. Xavier. The Colonels controlled most of the game against Louisville Trinity but struggled to score. With the game in a 0-0 tie starting the second half, Louisville Trinity was able to score the only goal of the game on a break-away. The Colonels struggled once again against Louisville ST. Xavier. The game was close but the Colonels soon fell short when a goal was scored with seven minutes left in the second half. On August 30<sup>th</sup> the Colonels took on Moeller at Moeller. The Colonels lost 3-0 with Moeller scoring ten minutes into the game, and then two more times in the second half.

Sadly to say, the Colonels continued their losing streak in their game against Bishop Brossart losing 5-2. The Colonels Jumped top the early lead with Parker Kenny scoring in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute off an assist from Patrick Ballow. Bishop

Brossart then scored in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute off of a head ball from a long free kick, and then again towards the end of the half to take the 2-1 lead. The Colonels tied up the game early in the second half with a goal by Joey Schuh. The Colonels' defense held the game at a 2-2 tie until they fell apart letting Bishop Brossart score three goals in the final fifteen minutes of the game. The Freshman Colonels then took on Elder in their next game. Holding Elder to only one goal, but still could only manage to draw the 1-1 tie. Elder scored in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute of the first half and entered the second half with the lead. The Colonels' Joey Schuh scored the Colonels' only goal of the game when he sent a shot from outside the penalty box into the corner of the goal.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the freshman Colonels started their freshman regional tournament at Town & Country against Simon Kenton. The Colonels had a great opening match winning 4-0 with two goals by Patrick Ballow, One by Ben Hafer, and Parker Kenney scored once. Assists to these goals were from Ben Hafer with one assist, and Robert Lilly with two. The shutout was recorded by Zach Stetter in goal.

Despite the Colonels' great start to the regional tournament, they fell short in their second round match against the St. Henry Crusaders. The Colonels were unable to score, losing 2-0. Even though the Colonels lost, Covington Catholic had two freshman named to the All-tournament team. These Colonels were Patrick Ballow and Jared Flood. Congratulations Colonels on yet another successful season.



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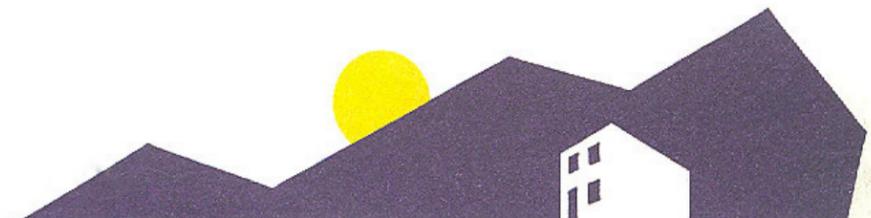
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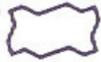
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