



Colonels Help Across the World



Colonels help dig to lay pipelines for the village's water.

The annual Amigos for Christ Nicaragua mission trip was a major success this year. 25 students and 10 adults of the CovCath community participated on this life-changing experience! The mission's primary objec-

tive is to supply subsistence farming communities with an always available supply of fresh water. Water contamination is a serious problem in Nicaragua; over 60% of all water in rural Nicaragua is contaminated with impu-

rities that cause diarrhea and chronic malnutrition, affecting over 33% of all children in Nicaragua. From June 7 to June 13, the CovCath missionaries were sent into the Viva los Morenos community with the goal of eliminating the water contamination issue once and for all.

The missionaries had very demanding physical labor. With only primitive tools, like pickaxes, shovels, and spud bars, they had to dig a four-foot deep trench for the water pipe to go through. Throughout the week, missionaries worked side by side with the community digging through very rocky and hard ground. The work was not forced, and anyone could take a break whenever they pleased. Many of the CovCath members would spend their breaks by playing in a friendly soccer match against the Nicaraguans, who almost always defeated the missionaries. In regards to the Nicaraguan soccer players, Drew

Demarsh said that they were "blessed with unbeatable swiftness and endurance" and had "skills like that of Ronaldo."

When not at the community, the missionaries also got to experience the unique culture and environment of Nicaragua. On the first day, everyone from Amigos for Christ got to climb Cerro Negro, the newest volcano in Central America! And after work days, students were able to go into the neighborhood outside the compound and eat delectable mystery-meat enchiladas and burritos, when they were with an adult, of course. The missionaries even went to the bustling city of Chinandega, where they were able to purchase handmade hammocks, \$20 Beats headphones, and \$5 Ray-Bans!

The Nicaragua Mission trip was certainly an eye-opening experience for every person involved. The extreme poverty and very low standard of living was able to instill in every person, how fortunate we are to live in America, and how we have a duty to serve those less fortunate.

Banned and Burned

Joe Pieper

Writing is an ancient artistic form of communication, and is a way to creatively express one's thoughts on paper. Many books, however, are very controversial in some people's eyes. These unwarranted controversial views have led to groups banning lots of books. To criticize a form of expression and deem it unsuitable is an infringement on freedom of speech. In an effort to bring this to light and to protest these bans, CCH and many others celebrate Banned Books Week from September 22 to 26. The hallways were covered with signs promoting reading of any and all books.

Banned Books Week, led by the English Department and



NEHS at Covington Catholic, is a week to encourage people to read whatever kind of books they are interested in. In the past, many popular books have been banned, even famous ones like *Catcher In the Rye*, *The Great Gatsby*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Lord of the Flies* which are standard reading for Covington Catholic's literature

classes. These books are all considered masterpieces and classics, but have been banned on numerous occasions. The top reasons for any book to be challenged or banned is usually due to any kind of explicate content. In the last decade the most challenged series was the famous *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling. The rea-

son for these books being banned is that they supposedly contain reference to the Occult and Satanism.

In 2007, over 420 books were challenged or banned from schools and libraries. Many books unfairly come under charges from groups that just look for something to be offended about, while others think they are doing a service to point out what they believe is racist, sexist, anti-religion, too long, too short or any number of reasons in between. In the defense of banned books people need to remember that these are only stories, and if they do not like the message it is sending then do not have read. Attempting to take away books from everybody because of some personal dislike is ridiculous.

Jack Schrage

The Wyoming Retreat is one of the most unique trips offered to the student body. Coach Hertsenberg, Coach Zerhusen, and Mr. Lubbers are the main moderators. The retreat gives students the chance to bond with their fellow classmates and strengthen the brotherhood upon entering their junior year.

I interviewed Coach Hertsenberg and asked him a few questions about the trip, only speaking highly of it. The first question

was, "Why does he choose to lead the trip?" He goes on the trip because he helped Elder High School – his alma mater – do their retreats and saw how amazing it was and wanted to bring something like that to Covington Catholic. He wants the sophomore Colonels to experience the amazing atmosphere and great time in Wyoming.

The second question was "Why should a student choose to attend?" He said the main reason is how enlightening the trip is. It

gives students an opportunity to get out of their comfort zone and reflect on where they are now in their lives and where they want to be. He also added that it gets students away from the pressures at home and helps them to experience Wyoming through the community and retreat activities.

The third question was "What are you trying to accomplish with the students?" Hertsenberg responded that he wants students to know that none of us are

in this by ourselves, that when you build a relationship with God you can see God in every aspect in your life. He also said that it helps students build a community and brotherhood to bring back to Covington Catholic and expand with other fellow students that could not experience the trip.

Overall, the trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity and something I highly recommend attending. It is unique chance to connect deeply with yourself, God, and your fellow Covington Catholic brothers.

Colonels on a Journey

Live Review: Tiffany Houghton

Andrew Whitehead

Tiffany Houghton is a song writer/pop star that was born December 6th, 1993, in Dallas Texas. She attended Booker T Washington Arts High School in Dallas, Texas, where she began her career in the performing arts on Broadway. At the age of 17, Tiffany moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to pursue her desire to become a singer. Since then Tiffany took to the internet and made acoustic versions of hit songs by Pink and Fall Out Boy, which have gotten more than 400,000 views. According to Teen.com, out of ten girls named, Tiffany is the most likely to become the next Taylor Swift.

Tiffany's debut song "High" was released on August 13th, 2013, and has since gotten over 1,000,000 views on YouTube. "High" is an up-

beat country song that is about two young people that fall love (High on love) who have no idea what they are going to do or where they are going to go. They just know they want to be together. The first lyrics of the song show what I mean, "Shotgun seat down an unknown road, Wherever you go, boy I'm gonna go." The song then progresses to show that you only live once so live in the moment, which is shown through the chorus, "Don't know where we're going, But my heart is open, City lights arose the time with you'll just fine, Nothing but the moment....., Yea so I don't really know when to call it falling, falling, Cause I'm feeling, feeling so high."

Houghton seems like an upbeat fun artist to listen to, who knows maybe she will be the next Taylor Swift.



Up and Coming Star Visits CCH

Andrew Whitehead

At the age of seventeen, Tiffany Houghton took a chance and went to Nashville to chase her dream of becoming a star in the music industry. Three years later, Tiffany is touring schools across the nation to get her name out there. It seems to be working too. Her new single "Love Like That" has been played by the radio station Hits 1 on Sirius XM radio.

On September 22nd, Tiffany came to Cov. Cath. I have to tell you, Colonels, she is absolutely amazing. Her videos do not do her justice. As stated in my review Tiffany is very similar to the style of Taylor Swift. Thanks to Mrs. Ruth

on a mini-concert where she sang three songs, her first single "High," "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus, and her new single "Love Like That." After singing Tiffany began to take questions, where Colonel Sam Ritter took a shot and asked her to Homecoming. She did not really give a response; she just stated that she never went to prom or homecoming, and that she thought it was sweet. Tiffany proceeded to take questions, and that is when State Basketball Champ Bo Schuh asked the question, "What made you want to be a singer." Tiffany sounded strong in her response that she wanted to be a voice for teenage girls. After taking questions, Tiffany signed autographs for everybody



Tiffany had a great time visiting CCH.

and Moxie Music, a company based out of Louisville, this up-and-coming musical artist was able to make some young men happy. When she was introduced by Mrs. Ruth the whole room went nuts. Tiffany put

and took pictures with the entire group.

Having Tiffany Houghton come and sing for the students was an awesome experience. Maybe she would be up for coming back and doing one for the entire school?

Small Band Spotlight: The Dangerous Summer

Josh Kennedy

Instead of big name labels ruling the music industry like it used to be, nowadays it is so easy to record music yourself using the millions of music programs available to you. With that, creates smaller labels and bands that just do not have the money to go on big tours and create a large fan base.

I like giving credit to the smaller bands that you do not hear on the radio and are not that popular. The Dangerous Summer is one of those bands that have a great sound, but are not really known by many.

They have a very catchy alternative rock sound that is the perfect combination of complicated drum beats

and a light, poppy sounding guitar. I would compare them to bands such as Jimmy Eat World, Third Eye Blind, and the Black Keys. The singer, AJ Perdomo, finds a way to sing heartfelt lyrics that everyone can relate to. Unfortunately, the band has broken up as of March 2014, but they could very likely get

back together. After all, the band has broken up 10 times in the past. Regardless, you can still pick up one of their CDs and give them a listen. I highly recommend their album *War Paint* to anyone looking for a good alternative band to listen to, that sounds different than all the other bands out there.



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Furious Movie Review

Trever Bowman

Many people of this day take family for granted. One person who does not do this is Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) in the movie *Fast and Furious 6*.

Dom lives by the code of family throughout the entire *Fast and Furious* series, but on this morning he and the crew risk their lives to get back one of their most important family members, Letty (Michelle Rodriguez). The crew that I referred to was together in the last movie, *Fast Five*, which is composed of Dom, Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker R.I.P), Mia Toretto (Jordana Brewster), Han (Sung Kang), Roman (Tyrese Gibson), Tej (Chris 'Ludacris' Bridges), and Gisele (Gal Gadot). After their successful heist in Rio, they get together one more time after Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) the secret agent who was chasing them in the last movie offers to clear their records if they agree to help find a secret Russian group who has been stealing equipment from high security facilities. There is also one more reason that the crew takes this task, and that reason is Letty. Letty was in the movies 1-4, and Dom believed that

she was dead but she actually was found in the hospital by the Russian group's leader Owen Shaw (Luke Evans). Shaw finds her in the hospital with no memory and takes her into his life to help his team continue the heists. So Dom living by his code will do anything to have Letty, who was once in the family, back into his life. After many incidents with Shaw they finally capture him and the rest of his crew including Letty. Letty goes with Dom and the crew, to be where she belongs. She never gets her memory back, but she tells Dom at the end of the movie that, "This feels like home."

This movie is action-packed with a great story line. The development of each character is done brilliantly by director Justin Lin. If you are someone who likes fast cars, car chases, and ripped 300 pound grown men fist fighting, well then this is the movie for you. You will be on the edge of your seat from credits to credits. Do not miss an opportunity to also see one of Paul Walker's last movies filmed. Paul died in a fatal car crash earlier this year. Vin Diesel said that Paul will always be a part of his family.

Happy Song Review

Alex Wagner

Pharrell Williams started out with a band called The Neptunes with his friend since 7th grade, Chad Hugo. The band is no more but the friendship still lives on. In the song which is in his second single album called *Girl*. Pharrell headlines with the song "Happy."

The song is catchy through its tune and relatable lyrics. The song puts people in a good mood if they are already in one or if they need a little pick me up through the day. In the song, Pharrell allows the audience to decide what their happiness is and then apply it to the song so

that the song is able to reach a wider audience than if it defined happiness as one certain thing. He is different because many artists now just talk about happiness as being rich or famous, but he talks about little things that make people happy. Pharrell's song is special because he allows the listener to apply their happiness to the song instead of him just singing about his own personal enjoyments that make him happy.

This is why Pharrell's career is so successful because he reaches out to his audience which makes him more popular to the public.

Going Bananas

Brian Haughey

I am a person who really likes to sit down, relax and watch a good movie. The most recent movie I have seen was *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*. It is a sequel to the *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, which aired in August of 2011. This is an intense, action-filled movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

The movie is set in a community in San Francisco trying to survive 10 years after a disease that has wiped out the majority of the human race. They are in need of electricity due to fuel running low, and to do this they need to fix the broken down dam just outside of the city. While doing so, they come face to face with human-like apes who are intelligent animals that can understand human-related actions. Ceaser, the leader of the Apes, has a soft side for humans because he was raised by one in the first movie (*Rise of the Planet of the Apes*) and knows the good side of them. It is so that the dam is located right next to the ape's village. Koba, Ceaser's right hand man, is against humans since he was forced into animal experiments before the disease spread around the world. Malcolm, the representative for the humans, makes a deal with Ceaser that he can stay and fix the dam, but if they do anything to harm or threaten one of the apes, Ceaser will kill them. While

Malcolm and fellow humans are fixing the dam, Koba sneaks into the human's community to see what they are really doing. He sees a storage room filled with army equipment and believes that the humans are getting ready to attack the apes when they are finished with the dam. Koba betrays Ceaser for his hatred of the humans and puts all the apes in harm, making Ceaser to believe it was the humans. They soon go to war for their own freedom and safety of their families. Once Ceaser realizes Koba has betrayed him and the whole ape community, it is then a battle between the apes. Dreyfus, the leader of the humans, calls in support from the closest military base that still has radio connection. Ceaser defeats Koba and the battle ends. Malcolm informs Ceaser about what is coming but Ceaser tells him and his family to leave and stay safe. Ceaser stays and prepares to fight the military so the humans can escape and make it to safety.

The special effects are exceptional. The FX people do a great job with animating all of the apes and their whole community. Compared to the first one, it has more action scenes. It is more of an edgy kind of movie, while the first slowly rose into action. If you have seen the first movie (*Rise of the Planet of the Apes*), this is much more enjoyable because there are moments of flashbacks throughout the movie.

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Kicking and Screaming

Bo Schuh

As the past few years have gone by at Covington Catholic, the student cheering section – the Crazies – has continued to improve each year, cumulating in last year’s state basketball tournament, where our section won an award for being the best cheering section in the world (okay, maybe just in the state). The Crazies have become widely known as creative, spontaneous, organized, and – above all – LOUD. Yet, as these past few years have gone by and our section keeps gaining popularity, we have focused only on two sports to organize a cheering section for: football and basketball.

Soccer has been overlooked at Covington Catholic in the past couple years as not being exciting enough to have a cheering section for. Seen as slow-paced, our varsity soccer team has not seen a well-

organized, rowdy cheering section that our basketball and football teams have come to expect nearly every game. That all changed on August 19th, 2014, as the soccer Colonels took the trek over to St. Henry High School to open up their season.

As the lights were shining bright on St. Henry’s field, the Colonels ran out onto the field to play. Were they expecting a cheering section? Of course not; there had not been a cheering section at a soccer game in anyone’s recent memory. As they gazed upon the stands of spectators, they saw a cheering section from St. Henry, nearly 100 strong, and thought to themselves that they would have no support. Yet, to their right, a sudden – yet loud – battle cry rose. What could this be? Nearly fifty strong stood the Crazies, screaming and chant-

ing, “CCH!” rising above the competition just on the other side of the stands. The Colonels went on to win in convincing fashion, 5-1, while the Crazies were into every pass, slide tackle, and goal.

Since the return of the Crazies to the soccer field at St. Henry, the senior class of 2015 has tried vigorously to keep a cheering section going at important soccer games, including sections vs Lexington Catholic and Newport Central Catholic. As the Crazies of Covington Catholic continue to garner more attention and recognition, the Crazies in turn are attempting to bring their special kind of rowdiness to different sports teams at Covington Catholic, hoping that the talented and seasoned soccer team can bring home a coveted state championship trophy to the halls of the Crazies.

Applying for College

Tyler Micek

There is no perfectly fair way for a college to decide who gets admitted into a school and who does not. There are claims that the ACT and SAT do not properly measure knowledge and intelligence, and other claims, including my own, that a 500 word essay does not properly display a student’s true writing skill. Class ranks can compare prospective students to their high school classmates, but how can the rigor of a school’s classes and grading methods be compared to other schools? Many colleges use GPA, grade point average, as a measurement of academic success, but this also presents a very serious dilemma: how can GPA be used to identify the best qualified students when every school uses different methods to weight classes and scale GPA?

GPA is calculated by averaging the scores of all classes taken in high school and is typically put on a 4 point grading scale. Sounds like a fair measure of academic success, right? It isn’t. Many schools weigh all their classes, aside from remedial classes. Weighting is used to scale specific classes, like college prep, honors, Advanced Placement and International Bac-

calaureate classes on a 4.5 or 5 point grading scale. This causes a problem for schools, like CovCath, that do not weigh college prep classes.

The effects of GPA are extremely noticeable when applying for merit-based scholarships. For example, the University of South Carolina awards scholarships based on GPA and standardized test scores. Of the 8 scholarships awarded, 7 require an act of 28 and a minimum GPA of 4.20! Students who attend schools that do not weigh every class are presented a major disadvantage when applying for scholarships. Even if a student takes every honors and AP class available at CCH and passes with perfect scores, he will not be able to surpass a (estimated) GPA of 4.6.

Flaws will always exist on admitting students into college, but weighted GPAs leave many students with an insurmountable disposition. Every school weights classes differently. If something like GPA must be used in admissions, it should be class rank by percentage. Then students will still be compared to their high school classmates and the unfair advantage of weighted GPA will be no more.

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New Lunches, New Problems?

Grant Guenther

The cafeteria food is a largely debated topic this year in the CCH lunch room. I am an unbiased person on this topic because I can see both ways. The lunches are definitely changing, and some of the great lunches are being taken away. We, as students, are not certain on what is going to stay and what is going to go which leaves some optimism that they can get better. However, it is a rumor that the lunch room is still using unused food from last year, which they are legally allowed to do, but once this food is gone the CCH caf-

eteria will be strictly monitored by the government/Diocese. It is just a rumor, but either way is this a bad thing?

On one side, this change in food is unnecessary. Coming into high school, many 8th graders are deciding between several different schools, and one thing that CCH has dominated is the school lunches. It is known throughout the area that we (CCH) have the best lunches around because Cafeteria Manager Mrs. Lenihan does such an awesome job. This change in lunches could cause fewer students to pick CCH. An-

other reason this change is unnecessary is the students of Cov Cath are almost all in good condition and physically fit. Lastly, I hear in the lunchroom that we are in school for the majority of our day and deserve a lunch that we like; our parents pay thousands of dollars to come here because the government does not pay for Catholic education, but at the same time our lunches are still monitored by the government. That is just not fair! We can eat super healthy after school and practice if we need to. This change in lunches is causing more students to

pack, and some are getting very frustrated with the new “healthy” lunches.

On the other side, these lunches are definitely becoming healthier. I, as a runner, have noticed fewer cramping issues at practice, and I think that is due to the healthier lunches. I also seem to like some of the new lunches incorporated this year like pulled pork sandwiches, roast beef and cheese sandwiches, and Philly cheese steaks; they are less greasy while still tasting good. Some students think that we should not have to follow government rules, but in reality we

should, everyone should. Americans as a whole are becoming obese and that is due to eating habits taught through grade school and high school. I think these changes are helping that cause immensely.

Overall Mrs. Lenihan is doing a fantastic job in the cafeteria, giving food that is healthy and still tastes good. She works hard and deserves all these students respect. I predict this lunch issue will not be a problem after a couple months because the students will get used to the new lunches.

Queen of the “Hill”

Bo Schuh

Miss Ellen Elizabeth Hill was born on April 21st, 1991 in Kentucky. As a young girl, it was evident that she was destined to be an English teacher: in her childhood years, she would play “school” with her sister, each of them acting as the teacher while the other acting as the student. Little did they know, both of them would end up playing “school” as their occupation in life.

Miss Ellen Hill went to St. Mary’s grade school in Alexandria for her grade school years, going on to attend Bishop Brossart High School. From when she was young, Miss Hill always had an interest in English, it being her favorite subject throughout grade school and high

teaching freshman and sophomore English classes. In her classes, Miss Hill likes to take a student-centered approach to teaching, letting students collaboratively work on certain problems and designing questions and the curriculum so that the students are required to think for themselves. Her goal in this process is for the student to find the answer independently, rather than her lecturing them on grammar and so forth, giving them the answer without the students requiring to give forth any effort in finding it.

In her free time, Miss Hill enjoys playing the piano, as she has done since she learned to play back in her St. Mary’s days. Ironically, her teacher for her piano lessons was none other than our own



school. After four years at Bishop Brossart, Miss Hill went on to attend Northern Kentucky University, majoring in secondary teaching in English. In her major, Miss Hill was required to do student teaching in her last four semesters, going to different schools around the area and teaching the classes while being graded by certain teachers. Ultimately, Miss Hill graduated with her degree and set out to find a career.

During the 2013-2014 school year, Miss Hill was a substitute teacher at Covington Catholic, filling in whenever a teacher was missing or needed someone to fill their spot. It was not until this year – the 2014-2015 school year – that Miss Hill became a full-time English teacher at Covington Catholic,

Mr. Wolf, who currently teaches at Covington Catholic as the Chorus and Chamber Choir instructor. Miss Hill also follows the varsity basketball team at Covington Catholic, listening through blurry live feed as the Colonels went on their state championship run.

As the year goes on, Miss Ellen Hill’s passion for English and helping others is evident. Not only is she teaching because she has loved English since she was a little girl playing “school” with her sister, but she wants to help her students grow in English and in life by becoming more independent. We are glad to have you this year Miss Hill, and we hope this year is the first of many.

1st Year Versus 2nd Year

Robert Lilly

In the first year on the job any worker is always under pressure. It also does not help ease the pressure when the job entails teaching all boys for six hours a day. However, each year Cov. Cath’s teachers never stop improving and are constantly at work helping to better educate their students. But even though, the rookie and sophomore years at Covington Catholic comes with difficulties for the teachers, the teaching remains top notch.

Freshman/Sophomore English teacher, Ms. Hill is calm, cool, and collected. Even from her childhood she knew teaching was her destiny. The Cov. Cath. community was the deal breaker for her. Growing up and attending Bishop Brossart High School, Ms. Hill experienced Catholic education first hand. Feeling the need to give back to the educational system that gave her so much, she decided Cov. Cath. would be a perfect fit. Plus she loves how hard her students have been working. So, it is safe to say Cov. Cath’s new rookie is looking forward to a great first year.

From a rookie to a seasoned second year sophomore, English teacher Ms. Garrett has proven she has what it takes to teach at Cov. Cath. Having attended Notre Dame Academy, Ms. Garrett was also a product of a Catholic education. From her first to second year, Ms. Garrett has

improved on keeping her students motivated and always teaching bell to bell. Seeing her students’ progress to sophomore year has been one of her favorite aspects of being a second year teacher. In addition to seeing her students’ progress, experiencing the thrilling sporting events at Cov. Cath. was another reason Ms. Garrett decided to stay. Looking forward to this upcoming year and the senior retreat she has been asked to be a part of, it is safe to say Ms. Garrett is poised to have another tremendous year at Covington Catholic.

With all this young talent, Covington Catholic has a bright future ahead of them in their teaching department. Hill and Garrett bring something special to the Cov. Cath. community that will add to the environment for years to come.



Miss Garrett and Miss Hill talk about the irony of these book titles.

New Spanish Teacher Joins CCH

Ben Zumdicke

Covington Catholic knew they would be in need of a new Spanish teacher for the 2014 school year after long time employee and student favorite Mrs. Martha Frautschi announced that the 2013 school year would be her last year teaching at Covington Catholic.

Cov Cath stayed within the Diocese of Covington when they hired Spanish teacher Ms. Robert. Ms. Robert comes from Holy Cross High School where she spent the first twenty-one years of her teaching career. She attended Xavier University where she acquired an undergraduate degree in teaching and Spanish, along with a Masters in Counseling.

Interesting enough, Ms. Robert spent the first 18 years of her life in Puerto Rico where she was born and raised. When I asked how she ended up going to Xavier,

she explained that she did not really know what she was getting into and had to take a leap of faith “All I had was a pamphlet that showed some of the campus, and that’s how I made my decision.”

Ms. Robert says she has not had much trouble adjusting to Covington Catholic’s all boy atmosphere “All my students are all great boys and are making the adjustment very easy on me.” She does, however, jokingly admit that she misses being able to have “girl talk” with her students like she could at Holy Cross. In free time, Ms. Robert enjoys taking care of and spending time with her two children.

Ms. Robert seems like she will fit right into Covington Catholic. When I asked one of her students what he thought of her and her class he explained, “It’s definitely a lot of hard work, but she makes it enjoyable.”

Another New Face in the Halls

Grant Guenther



You might have noticed a few new faces in the hall as a student that you have not seen before. There are six new teachers this year to join the Covington Catholic community including a man named Mr. Conrad.

Mr. Conrad grew up in Hamilton, Ohio, his whole life and eventually went to the only Catholic high school in the area. He then went to the University of Cincinnati where he got his degree in secondary education. There he studied social studies. He came to Cov Cath after coaching football for a handful of years. While coaching, he heard many interesting stories about the amazing school known as Cov Cath from his players, which gave him the interest in teaching here. Mr. Conrad now teaches World Geography and World Civilizations. When asked if he enjoys teaching at an all-male high school his response was, "Yes, because it is a completely different environment; it is almost unexplainable." Mr. Conrad also finds our school interesting because of the fact that every day there is some student or question that catches him off guard.

In his free time, Mr. Conrad enjoys reading, going to the lake, and spending time with friends and family. His favorite movies are *The Gladiator* and *Remember the Titans* because they are great classics. Mr. Conrad also really enjoys watching his football players grow up and go on to play at higher levels. Mr. Conrad takes part in the wonderful coaching staff of the football team and when asked about football he said, "Football is the ultimate sport; it requires tremendous physical and mental toughness.

Mr. Conrad does a fantastic job as both a teacher and coach; we certainly appreciate his commitment to helping CCH students have a great experience while in high school. He is both very relatable and funny which makes him easy to talk to just like the rest of the CCH teaching staff. Lastly, Mr. Conrad shared with me his favorite Cov Cath story which he says is hearing how Mr. Krumps fought a bear. He is a very fun and interesting man and one student said "He really seems to fit the persona of Cov Cath teachers; He is definitely an appropriate match of the school because he is both funny and a good teacher."

Long-Time Friend Returns

Robby Fields

In the Covington Catholic community we find that people always seem to find their way back. Sister Messingschlager did just that, with over 40 years of teaching experience she has made her way back to Covington Catholic to finish up her great career as a teacher and nun.

Sister has played a role in this local community her whole life, starting her educational journey across the street where she attended Notre Dame Academy. Succeeding in high school, she ventured on to Thomas More College where she earned her degree in history and Latin. After college she joined the Congregation of Divine Providence (C.D.P.), which was an order that was established in France

in the 1700's. While in the C.D.P she started teaching at St. Anne in Covington during the day and then would have to go to class for her sisterhood.

After she became a nun, she then came to Covington Catholic in the 70's, and then to St. Xavier where she taught for 31 years. Thereafter St. X, she was due to retire but said "I have too much energy to retire" and found her back to Cov Cath whose arms were open and glad to have a such a good person back in the community. She stepped in to help with the Academic Support Program with Mrs. Matz being absent for surgery. Now that Mrs. Matz has returned, Sister has taken a position as full-time sub and is the first person Mr. Rowe will be calling when her services are needed.



Sister Messingschlager works with some students to prepare for classes.



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Alumnus Returns to Teach

Alex Wagner

Covington Catholic made many additions to their staff this past year including Joe Gastenveld. He graduated from Covington Catholic in 2002, then went to Northern Kentucky University where he earned a Math Degree and a Masters Degree from Western Governors University in Math Education.

Mr. Gastenveld is teaching four geometry classes and one Algebra 2 class. When asked about him being a former grad he replied, "Cov Cath was a fantastic place for me to have gone to high school. I didn't realize it while I was here, but when I went to college I realized how much this place did for me. Everyone here should have the



same experience that I did."

Mr. Gastenveld will also soon become a father. His wife Jen

Gastenveld is currently pregnant with their first child. His first year as a teacher will also become his first year as a father.

He also noted this year has been going great! Everyone is really nice and welcoming. The guys are well behaved in class, and the year is looking good!

The Colonel family welcomes you, Mr. Gastenveld! We hope the year goes well for you here at Covington Catholic. We love to be a part of your start to a long and amazing career at our school.

**Wishing All
Colonels a
Successful
2014-2015
School Year!**

**The Theobald
Family**

Blessings of Joy Shower CCH

Schneeman Family Brings Home Bouncing Baby Boy

Paul Huber



Crosley Michael Schneeman was born on July 28th, 2014 at 9:28 AM at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. He weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces at birth.

Named after Powell Cros-

ley, Mr. Schneeman liked the name because Powell Crosley was the creator of Crosley Field, where the Reds played until 1972. Crosley Schneeman will most likely attend grade school at Blessed Sacrament School, and then go to CovCath to be a part of the 2032 class.

"Having a baby is easier the second time around," Mr. Schneeman said, "You know what to expect and you know how hard it is. Dealing with two kids is tougher, though. The older one always wants the attention. You get used to it, however. They are both great kids. I make excellence." Mr. Schneeman is looking forward to watching him grow up.

Congratulations to the entire Schneeman Family.

Summer Blessing for Baulch-Cochran Family

Robert Lilly

Born at 6:37 am on Saturday, August 2nd, Amelia Sally Baulch-Cochran entered this world, coming in at 9lbs 3oz, and a whopping 21 inches long! Ms. Baulch and Amelia are doing fantastic. Ms. Baulch is excited for a new chapter in her life. However, she looks forward to coming back to Cov. Cath. next semester

and getting back in the swing of things. Everyone at CCH wishes Ms. Baulch well with this new journey in her life.



**Go Colonels!
Hope You Have
a Great
2014-15 School Year!**

-The Micek Family

Teach 'em While They're Young

David Dinn

In the summer of 2013,



of them. Mr. Cleveland asked two recent CCH graduates (Jackson Medley and Matt Ellison) to help assist the students during his demonstrations. "The extra help was the difference-maker here," Mr. Cleveland said about

Covington Catholic High expanded its summer camps from the field to the classroom, or more specifically the computer lab, as they created the Graphic Design summer camp. In the camp, students learn the basics of advanced software such as Photoshop, Illustrator, and CAD. It was a huge success led by Tech teacher and CCH graduate Craig Cleveland. It was enough of a success from last summer that they did it again this summer, except they went even further.

They added another week on the schedule and filled up both

the second year of camp, "With the extra help, we could really help the students get more knowledge on the programs."

With the success over the summer, the future is looking bright, and so is Mr. Cleveland. "I'm excited for the future. The more people we can get to help, the more this camp can grow. We are looking to expand to three weeks next summer and continue to help students learn about this technology." Based on the success of last summer's camp, we are looking forward to a successful third year from the technology department over the summer.

Young Artists Seeking Guidance

Drew DeMarsh

Mr. Haders has been changing the lives of students for the past 30 years now at Covington Catholic. His art class has taught so many life lessons that aspire his students to see the world around them in more meaningful way. He creates bonds with students and becomes more of a friend than a teacher. Mr. Haders is actually such a good teacher that Bishop Foys awarded him at the Class of 2015 senior mass on September 10th.

On July 21st to the 25th Mr. Haders held his art summer camp for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. With help from current art 4 students Sean Buckley and Ryan Arlinghaus, the campers had a fun filled week. The campers worked

on a pop art portrait painting, a paper plane contest, and a putt-putt competition. After one week of Mr. Hader's crazy antics, the campers are ready to start their art careers in high school.



Play Ball!

Brian Haughey

Every summer, the varsity baseball team hosts a baseball camp in the month of June. This year it ran from June 16-19. There are two separate parts of the camp. Starting at 8:30 and running until 11:30 are grades 1-4. The 12:30 until 3:30 are grades 5-8. The whole point of the camp is to teach the basic skills that every baseball player at every level of the game need to know. They learn everything from base running to fielding a groundball while taking the right approach to it.

The camp is run by Assistant Varsity Coach Tom Eckerle

along with former/current players. The first couple of days the campers do many types of drill, and then once they get a little more comfortable, there are organized competitions within the campers. The last couple of days, teams are picked and the campers scrimmage each other. If the campers pre-registered, they get a camp T-shirt along with competition gifts. It is a lot of fun for the kids to play together and very helpful as well. The goal is that the campers can walk out knowing little or a lot more about playing the game of baseball.



Soccer Camp Another Success

Robert Lilly

This year's annual CCH soccer camp, June 9-13, was another success, with over 70 campers coming Monday through Friday, grades 1st-8th, ready to learn about soccer. Each year the camp is led by the coaches of freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity staffs, along with players for the upcoming year.

Each day consisted of teaching the campers about soccer techniques, then jumping into competitive games that implement the techniques learned earlier, and ending finally with World Cup. This is a game where each grade level is split into several teams and play real games going to goal. It was what every camper looked forward to at the end of the day. "Seeing faces from years past, along with the new ones, makes for a great week of soccer fun," said Joey Schuh. Joey has been a three year varsity player and helped out with the camp all four years of his Covington Catholic career.

With another successful year of camping, it is looking like Cov. Cath. soccer camp will be around for years to come.



Looks like this young boy might have the upperhand over these soccer players.

All Time Record Numbers for Basketball Camps

Cooper Theobald

Following the Covington Catholic Basketball Team winning the 2014 State Championship in the spring, the 2014 basketball summer camps were jam-packed with more kids than in Coach Ruthsatz's previous three years. Campers drove in from all over the state to attend, including several kids coming from central Kentucky and several out of states from Ohio as well. This year's camps were split into two separate weeks, one in June for the younger campers or "little dribblers" (grades 1-4) and junior high campers (grades 6-9) and one in July for the campers in grades 5-8. The camps were run by the Covington Catholic Basketball coaching staff along with assistance by the players.

In July the little dribblers would come in the morning and the junior high campers would come in the afternoon, and in June the campers would come in from 9a.m.-2:30p.m. All camps were run using the same format throughout the day.

The kids would be split up into their teams which was coached by a CovCath player, and the teams would go through stations that included ball handling, shooting, defensive slides, rebounding, etc. After stations several competitions would take place such as knockout and shooting competitions. Once the competitions were over the campers tried to show off their skills and teamwork while playing games against their friends and enemies on other teams. The games were followed by, arguably the most anticipated time of the day, lunch and then games resumed until camp ended.

The most exciting time of the week was the last day when the tournament championship games were held. Two of the best teams battling it out on the main court in front of all the other campers. The little dribbler's championship team was led by Ryan Massie and the 5th /6th grade championship was led by Gunnar Schuh. Senior forward Bo



Schuh used his knowledge from on the court to help coach a championship team in both the junior high and 7th/8th grader levels. Bo's standout player for the junior high league, Aiden Ruthsatz, and his standout player for the 7th/8th grade team, Jack Davin, both won the MVP awards for their leagues

respectively. After all the sweat and hard work at the end of the week, each camper received a CovCath outdoor ball, a string bag, basketball cards of the state team players, and a CovCath basketball shirt for their dedication and hard work throughout the week.

Study Skills Summer Class Offered

Staff

In late summer for a week incoming freshmen had a chance to get a headstart with their classes. Under the tutelage of Mrs. Teresa Shepard and Ms. Christina Baulch, two classes of young men were prepped for school. They covered anything that related to study skills. Who doesn't need a refresher course in how to study?



English Chair Experiences a Week of Intensive Shakespeare



Staff

"It was quite an eye-opening experience," said Mrs. Diane Ruth, English Dept. Chair. "I am always open to a new experience if it will improve me in some way, and I thought I needed some help on the dramatic side of me." So, this summer Mrs. Ruth pushed herself to do some performing. Through the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, Mrs. Ruth did some brutal stage combat as well as a little *Macbeth*.

Mrs. Ruth has been working with drama ever since she started teaching over 25 years ago. She first began working with Mrs. Linda Bricking, currently at NDA, in productions done in conjunction with NDA. "We did some amazing productions, like *The Hobbit*, *The Musical* and *Westside Story*." Those were some long hours, she admitted, but said she would not take them back now. She continued working with the drama class, which she does currently. As a semester exam, the students perform a full play, and Mrs. Ruth is eager to see how this class will do.

As for the week-long experience, Mrs. Ruth admitted that behind the scenes is where she prefers to be when it comes to acting, but the chance to see how she would do was memorable. "Definitely, don't give me any Oscars for my performance, but I met some intriguing, wonderful people while I was there. And who wouldn't want to say they were in a production of *Macbeth*."

*Have a Great Year
Class of 2015!
Go Colonels!*

The Other Side of Teaching

Josh Kennedy

At school, students really only see one side of the teachers and staff. It can be hard to think about what the teachers and staff do outside of school, and what interests and hobbies they have. During a school day, I had the chance to sit down with our school's freshman and sophomore guidance counselor and talk to him about a hobby he has been doing since he was a kid. Mr. Barczak has been collecting autographs for years now and says he has well over a thousand autographs of celebrities. Some of these include autographs from Gene Simmons (pictured here), Alice Cooper, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jeff Gordon, Ken Griffey, Jr. and every Reds player imaginable.

Mr. Barczak's favorite autograph is probably from Jamie Lee Curtis who starred in his favorite movie *Halloween*. He met her at a convention in Indianapolis, which happened to be the only convention she ever attended, which was a very rare opportunity. However, he says

that he never lets his hobby affect his family and work. He does not do anything crazy like some hardcore fans will, such as waiting outside a celebrity's hotel, which can be a big problem. Mr. Barczak likes to collect autographs for the fun and thrill of it, and he also said he has met a lot of friends by attending conven-



tions. He said that he looks at in the way that "if they don't want to meet the fans, then they wouldn't be there signing autographs."

Still he made a point that family always comes first. Now, Mr. Barczak is still collecting autographs and attending conventions with the friends he has made over the years.

When In Italy

Trevor Bowman



Over this past summer our very own Mrs. Mitchell, the junior English teacher at Covington Catholic, went across seas to Italy. She was in Europe from June 7 to June 23. This was not the first time Mrs. Mitchell made the trip to Italy; she had been twice before. But this trip was special because she went with her daughter-in-law and her granddaughter. Mrs. Mitchell had traveled with an organization that sends

some of the most prominent teachers to Europe to study their culture and learn from many people over in the countries. This trip, however, was only with family, and Mrs. Mitchell seemed to be very happy to show her family Italy.

They had begun their trip in Lake Como and from there it was from city to city for the rest of the trip. I had asked Mrs. Mitchell to tell me about the food and culture of Italy, and she just kept on talking about the pasta and gelato (ice cream). She said the food never let her down, no matter where she went. I also asked her favorite city or place that she visited while in Italy, and without hesitation she answered Florence. She said Florence was the most beautiful city she has ever visited. And I could not get her to stop talking about the museums

The Experience of a Lifetime

Ben Kindt

Covington Catholic senior Grant Woodcock won the experience of a lifetime for any racing fan. It all started when Grant submitted in an essay to the NASCAR S.T.E.M. contest. His article was chosen along with 6 other lucky fans. The prize he won was an all access NASCAR day at Kentucky Motor Speedways.

His dream day started with getting placed on a drivers crew team for the day. The driver he was helping was Matt Crafton. Once he was assigned he had a car inspection with Matt's pit crew team. Next, he watched Matt qualify for the race, which led to a cookout with driver Matt and his pit crew at the trailers in the middle of the track. Later, Grant sat down and talked with Matt asking any questions he had. Before the race he met with the officials who went over the rules before the race started.

Finally it was time for the race; Grant watched with Matt's pit crew team and did any small tasks they asked him to do. Although Matt did not win the race he had a good race and finished in the top 10. After the race Grant headed to vic-

tory lane with Kyle Bush who won the race and was able to watch the celebration. It was a great way to cap off a great day of racing.

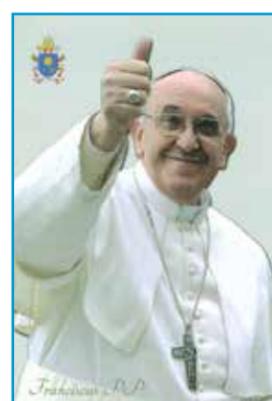
While Grant will always remember the fantasy day he experienced being part of a NASCAR pit crew, he got involved in a more important concept--STEM. The whole goal of the S.T.E.M. Program is to get students involved in the four main categories of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It furthers students knowledge on the topics while having a great experience. The S.T.E.M. Program did an awesome job of giving kids a day they will never forget and also teaching them a lot at the same time.

Grant added, "My entire life I've grown up around cars, knowing them, working with them, and attending races. This race was nothing like any I have attended in the past. I saw how crucial the smallest things are like forgetting to screw on a lug nut on the tires can cause the driver to blow a tire or possibly wreck or not finish the race. I am grateful for the opportunity."



of Florence. The art museums were filled with works by Michelangelo, Donatello, and "the rest of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," as she put it. Before she left Florence she said she rubbed the nose of a brass pig which is supposed to bring people back to Florence once again.

Another city that she said was absolutely gorgeous was Rome. While in Rome she visited the head of St. Catherine, visited a church



that held many relics of Christ, and visited the church of St. Peter. But she had said the highlight of the trip was seeing

the Pope's Mass at the church of Saint John Lateran. The Mass was performed outside, and she told me it was amazing, the choir singing marvelously, so many decorations of bright colors and gold, and the head of our Catholic faith running the Mass. Also, while in Rome, the Rolling Stones and Mick Jagger were playing a concert at the Circus Maximus. Even though this concert had been sold out since March, she still wanted to go and sit outside of the arena just to hear them play, but her granddaughter felt like it was a waste of time Mrs. Mitchell still regrets missing out on that concert.

Even though she missed the Stones, she had told me it was a very successful trip, and she hopes to go back to Italy more than just one more time but take as many people as she can multiple times.

The Sounds of Music: Warped Tour 2014

Riley Kinsella

July 16, 2014 marked the 20th year of the annual Vans Warped Tour located in Cincinnati, Ohio. This year's local show was held at Riverbend Music Center, a venue well-known to locals for its reputation of holding some of the largest concerts in the area. Vans Warped Tour is a touring music show that originally hosted punk rock bands but has grown to present more diverse genres of music including electronic, hip-hop, hardcore, metal, alternative rock, and a variety of other types of music.

Vans Warped Tour is a music performance like none I have ever experienced. July 16 proved to be a day that the average concert-goer would consider had perfect weather for an outdoor venue (with a high of 76° and sunny), which made the shows an all-around enjoyable experience. The tour is spread throughout Riverbend Music Center, with small stages dispersed throughout the paved area, and a main stage

located at the PNC Pavilion along with two other large stages located at the main Riverbend area. Too many bands performed in one day for those attending to view, so prior planning was necessary. I myself

prefer a more alternative sound, so bands such as Anberlin, the Ready Set, and Yellowcard proved to be more to my taste. 2014 graduate Austin Becknell attended Vans Warped Tour with me, and he pre-

fers the metal, electronic, and hardcore genres over alternative rock. Bands such as Breathe Carolina, Crown the Empire, Falling in Reverse, and Mayday Parade grabbed Austin's attention. Needless to say there were bands to fit almost anyone's taste (unless you typically go to Riverbend for a country concert).

Vans Warped Tour has been known to come to Cincinnati every year, and is always located at Riverbend Music Center. This being our first year attending, Austin and I did not know what to expect entering the gates of Riverbend Music Center, but in the end it turned out to be an all-around enjoyable experience (aside from the expensive food and drink). Our advice: bring sunscreen, your own food and water, sunglasses, and possibly ear plugs if you can't handle the screaming of the hardcore bands. Thank you Mrs. Ruth for providing Austin and I the opportunity to experience such an event that has grown so popular in the Cincinnati area.



Graduates Riley Kinsella and Austin Becknell enjoy the benefits of Journalism generosity.

Schuh Enjoys Panic! at the Disco

Bo Schuh

As part of their acclaimed "The Gospel Tour," the band Panic! at the Disco toured all over the U.S. with their opening acts, Walk the Moon, Youngblood Hawke and Magic Man, all of which can be classified as alternative rock. Over the course of their tour, these four bands appeared in 28 different cities in the span of 44 days, appearing in different cities in different states on back-to-back nights. As part of "The Gospel Tour," Panic! at the disco stopped at Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 12th. All of the performers did so in the PNC Pavilion, a seating area inside of Riverbend with a



covering and eight sections of seating, as well as a pit area in front of the stage.

The night started with Magic Man and Youngblood Hawke opening up in the late evening, playing four songs each as the early opening acts. After them, Walk the Moon came on to a standing ovation, as excitement was clearly visible for the up-and-coming band. They went on to play around seven songs,

including their hit, "Shut Up and Dance with Me." All three of the opening acts did very well, building up much anticipation for what was about to come next.

As the lights dimmed after a long break of music, you could feel the intensity in the air, as nearly everyone in the building – myself, included – began to let out a long and loud scream for the main event. As Panic! at the Disco came out onto the stage in total darkness, the loudness rose even higher, which seemed impossible due to the noise already. Throughout the night, Panic! played fan-favorite songs, such as "Miss Jackson," "Nine in the Afternoon," "Girls/Girls/Boys," "This is Gospel," and finally closing with "I Write Sins, not Tragedies." Even though the music was fantastic, the performance that Panic! put on and

how they interacted with the crowd made the concert special. Before songs, such as "Miss Jackson," lead singer Brendon Urie would talk to the audience, elaborating on inspirations for the song, asking how the audience was doing, and calling on them to sing certain parts of well-known songs. Along with all of this, they even threw in some acrobatics, as backflips were common during climaxes of certain songs.

All in all, Panic! at the Disco put on a performance to remember. As veteran performers, they knew how to slow down and speed up the crowd, making them hold lighters up, and then the next moment have them screaming at the top of their lungs. It was an unbelievable night, and I would recommend any music-lover to see them when the opportunity presents itself.

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What's Up With Clubs

Cooper Theobald

There are 40+ clubs and organizations offered for students at Covington Catholic High School which means there is a club for everyone. If CovCath does not offer a club that exactly fits you, then all it takes is a teacher as a moderator and a few other classmates, and you can make your own club! Some of the most popular clubs include:

Academic Team – Led by Mr. Thaman, these bright students take on other schools in academic matches to test their intelligence.

Ambassadors Club – Led by Mr. Flesch, students work hard to represent the school especially at the biggest event of the year, the open house.

Art Club – Led by Mr. Haders, students who are passionate about art meet every month to create masterpieces and have a good time.

Band – Led by Mr. Cerimele, students who have a passion for music perform throughout the year at many events such as sporting events and spring and Christmas concerts.

B.U.G Club – Moderated by Coach Krumpelbeck, students come in before school to care for animals in the biology lab.

Coffee Club – Led by Mr. Cleveland, coffee fans brew different types of coffee for consumption and the student body to help raise money for an animal shelter.

Community Service Club – Led by Mr. Snyder, CovCath students partake in many community service projects to help the less fortunate.

Bo Schuh

As they do every year, the chapter of the National English Honors Society of Covington Catholic High School held their annual induction ceremony for new members; to become a member of this prestigious chapter, one must excel in English, not only in one's grades but also one's writing and leadership abilities. NEHS is widely known around Covington Catholic and the community, participating in fundraisers and volunteer work to help out whoever is in need.

The night started off as it always does, with mass held in the chapel inside of the school. Mass was conducted by the chaplain of Covington Catholic, Father Kushing. After the procession ended, all members and their friends and family went over to the multi-purpose room, where the remainder of the

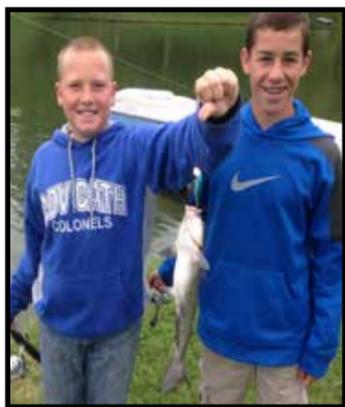
Culture Club – Led by Mrs. Ruth, students are exposed to other cultures through fun activities.

Drama Club – Led by Miss Hill, thespians can take part in the many productions over the year with the students from NDA.

Drug Free Club – Moderated by Mr. Flesch, students are given incentives throughout the year to stay drug free.

Engineering Club – Led by Mr. Hartman and Mr. Lubbers, students take part in many different engineering competitions.

Fishing Club – Led by Mr. Snyder, fishermen show off their skills at local lakes and ponds.



Journalism – Led by Mrs. Ruth, students are responsible for making the school newspaper, the literary magazine, and the yearbook.



KYA/ KUNA – Led by Mrs. Hagedorn, students interested in politics

and different cultures participate in many youth conferences throughout the year.

Magnified Giving Club – Led by Mr. Andolina, this club receives money from philanthropists and decides through detailed investigation what charity they will give the money to.

Music Club – Led by Mr. Thaman, these students meet at least once a month to enjoy learning and playing new musical instruments.

NEHS – Headed by Mrs. Ruth, the National English Honor Society recognizes those students with literary talent as they participate in many local literary events.

NHS – Headed by Mrs. Stengle, the National Honors Society recognizes students for outstanding work in the classroom and this club helps students maintain these high standards.

Photography Club – Under the guidance of Mrs. Ruth, students go on several photo shoots as well as serving a pancake breakfast at school almost every month.



Pro-life Club – Led by Mr. Andolina, students are taught to stand up for all human life as they take part in walks that promote life and visit nursing homes.

Quill and Scroll – Led by Mrs. Ruth, students are selected for an honorary journalism society and compete for scholarships through the society.

Ski Club – Led by Mrs. Stengle, students enjoy skiing or snowboarding the slopes of Perfect North at least once a month in the winter, and they also help out with Special Olympics skiing.

Spanish Club – Led by Mrs. Rasp, students take part in learning more about the Spanish culture through Spanish cuisine and by attending Spanish mass.

Spirit Club – Led by Mr. Hertsenberg, students put the spirit in "With a Spirit that will not Die" as they choose themes for sporting events and hang posters all around school.



Student Senate – Moderated by Mr. Flesch, several young men are turned into leaders by leading the student body and by working directly with Mr. Rowe to achieve school goals.

The reason Covington Catholic has such a great comradery between the students is due to the many activities and clubs offered here. Without the participation of YOU, the students, then some clubs may not be offered in the future so don't be afraid to venture out of your comfort zone and join one of the many clubs at Covington Catholic.

New Members Enter Elite Ranks



ceremony was to take place.

Before the real induction ceremony began, the guest speaker – Ms. Erin DeSantis – gave the audience a lecture on the importance of banned books and Banned Books Week. She explained that just because a book is banned does not mean that one should avoid reading it due to its supposed foul nature;

instead, one should see a banned book as an opportunity to read a unique novel, one that is different in subject matter and contains controversial – but very intriguing – themes.

After Ms. DeSantis walked off to a loud applause, the induction ceremony

began. Presiding over the ceremony was President Adrian Neff, along with his other chief officers alongside him, as well as the leader of the chapter – Mrs. Ruth – presiding over President Neff. Each member had his name stated aloud, followed by signing their names into the chapter of the National English Honors Society at Covington Cath-

olic. Once this job was finished, the officers passed out the official NEHS pin, followed by President Neff ordering each inductee to wear it for the following week.

Once the ceremony commenced and the new members were fully inducted, there was a group photo with the chief officers, the inductees, and Mrs. Ruth. Afterwards, all guests were invited to attend a casual meeting in the cafeteria, where food and drinks were served out to the people in attendance. People sat around, chat, and, most importantly, they celebrated the success of the inductees and praised them for their hard work and dedication in English.

Seniors Represent Well

Drew Demarsh

The annual senior mass at the Covington Cathedral was held on September 10th. There were a total of 8 different schools from the Diocese of Covington attending the mass. Bishop Foys' homily was focused not on the future but on the present, for a person's future is made up of today's.

Following the service, Bishop Foys handed out several awards for teacher excellence with Mr. Haders from Covington Catholic being a recipient. Mr. Haders has taught life lessons to students for the last 30 years, and has been very instrumental in the lives of countless students. Bishop Foys also awarded the seniors an extra day off, which called for a standing ovation, of course.

As the senior class of 2015 embarks on their final year of high school, there is a sense of excitement for what is to come. It is the beginning of the end, but with the end comes a new beginning. As a wise man named Ferris Bueller once said; "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around every once in awhile, you could miss it."



Mr. Haders accepts his congratulations from Bishop Foys.

Walking in Tradition

Andrew Whitehead

Many things come and go at CCH, but one thing has been a continuum--Superhike. The formerly 20-mile walk has been shortened immensely in the past decade, and is now just a measly 2 miles.

On September 19th, the Colonels continued the tradition with the annual prayer service in the morning in memory of Mr. Dan Tieman, and then the hike. The hike like always was a fun and exciting time, from Coach Hovan blaring his Metallica out of his van, to Coach Krumps bringing his wolf out for the whole student body and faculty to see. This was the last Superhike for the Class of 2015, but certainly not the last for Covington Catholic.

CCH Starts Year Off Right

Ben Zumdick

On August 22, Covington Catholic High School continued its tradition of having the Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, Roger Foys, celebrate their first all school liturgy. Mass was held at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Ft. Wright, Kentucky. Newly elected president of the student body Samuel Kathman was the lector, while fellow seniors Stuart Green, Joe Marino, Anthony Gillespie, and Kevin Sommers were the servers.

Bishop Foys' homily stressed that we will be dead much longer than we will be alive, and that we need to do everything we can while living to ensure ourselves a spot in heaven. Along with that he stressed that the students thank their teachers and parents for the sacrifices they have made in providing us with a great Catholic education that we could not get anywhere else. And, of course, Bishop Foys carried on the well-known tradition of granting the Covington Catholic student body a day off of school, which was obviously followed by a great applause from the students. The Bishop jokingly stated, "Don't get in any trouble on your day off, because I'll be the one to hear about it. Lastly, Bishop Foys showed his gratitude to Covington Catholic for inviting him to lead the school in mass, as we are one of very few schools that do so.

Covington Catholic looks forward to continuing its tradition of opening up the school year with the Bishop in the future.



Father-Son Day Creates Camraderie

Trevor Bowman

The annual Father Son Day occurred Sunday September 28th. This has been an event that has been going on for many years now.

The event starts off with a prayer service to honor the father-son relationships that is grown throughout their lifetimes. There are many events that happen on this day including a chili cook off, water balloon toss, and a look alike competi-

tion. For each of the events the top 2 students received a gift card for winning. In the chili cook off senior Mike Venard's father Steve took first place, and senior Logan McDowell's father David took second. In the look-alike competition in the freshman division Drew Hummel and his father Joe won, in the sophomore division Carter Ross and his father Dave took first place, in the junior division Jared Becraft and his father Steve received the look-alike award, and senior Eric

Schutzman and his father Tom took first place. There were also many sporting events. For example, in the "closest to the pin" putt father Steve Briede won in the dad division and in the son division Jack Crawford took first place. Also in the field goal kick Steven and Kurt Stegman tied for first place in the son event and in the father division Jay Rottinghaus took first place. In the Corn Hole Tournament Team Pats, composed

of Steve and Tyler Pelletier, took first place and Team Captain Corn, composed of Paul and Ben Darpel, received second place. In the all-important water balloon toss first place was stolen by freshman Knipper and second place was given to Senior Sam Kathman.

Drew DeMarsh a senior at Cov Cath was one of the participants at the event. He has been to the event

twice in his four years here. He told me that, "It is a great day to spend time with my dad since I am leaving for college in a year. I will miss having this time with him in the next few years."



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Strong Season for Freshman Soccer

Tyler Micek

The freshman soccer team has been on a hot streak since they started their season with a brutal 4-0 victory against the Ryle Raiders, and did not stop their dominance until they won the regional tournament.

With a stonewall defense and an aggressive offense, the Colonels are strong in every aspect of the game, and their record proves it. Having beaten such teams like St Xavier (1-0), Louisville St. Xavier (2-1), and Elder (1-0), their schedule is far from easy. Perhaps most shocking, the Colonels have only conceded three goals while they have delivered a jaw-dropping 44 goals! The Colonels



furthered their season-long hot streak after demolishing Boone County (8-0) and refused to cool off and lose in the regional tournament.

CovCath delivered two devastating shutout victories to Holy Cross (4-0) and St. Henry (3-0) in the rounds preceding the regional final. Their opponent in the finals was a promising Ryle Raiders team, but they

were no match for the Colonels, who overcame the challenge and obliterated Ryle in yet another brutal shutout victory (4-0) to claim the throne as Freshmen Regional Champions! The Freshmen Colonels entered their last game of the season against Simon Kenton with an outstanding 14-0-2 record! These players certainly look like they are up for the challenge of playing at the next level in soccer.

Varsity Soccer Colonels Look Strong

Andrew Whitehead

beatable rival in St. Henry.



In Colonel Soccer, high-flying is the key to the game.

Soccer is a sport that requires many skills- dribbling, passing, shooting, crossing, and many more. Very few can excel at competitive soccer. But here at Cov Cath, the "Soccer Colonels" continue to have winning season after winning season, with another on the way.

The Colonels started the season against a very

Behind a loud and proud student section, the Colonels came out firing, humiliating the Crusaders 5-1, highlighted by a Kurt Stegman blast from about 35 yards away pass the goalkeeper.

The next two games were cancelled due to weather, but the Colonels were back at it against Lexington Catholic. The two

teams battled back and forth until Lex Cath got the first goal. After half time, the Colonels took the game over scoring three unanswered goals, to take the game 3-1.

Over the next five games the Colonels went 4-1, beating Dixie Heights, New Cath, McNicholas, Campbell County, and losing to Louisville Trinity 1-0 off of an own goal. Next up on the schedule was bitter rival Highlands. In a game that the Colonels dominated in possession, they fell to the long time rival Bluebirds in a heartbreaking loss, as they were not able to find the back of the net (final score 2-0).

Over the next three games the Colonels went 1-1-1, to lead to an overall record of 7-3-1 heading into a home game against St. Xavier.

JV Regional Champs

Jake Brueggeman

There are high hopes for the Covington Catholic Junior Varsity Soccer team as they prepare to advance in the Regional Tournament. Last season the Soccer Team fell short of greatness and lost to Bishop Brossart in the semi-finals. However, this year's team is prepared to roll through the competition.

The JV Soccer Colonels have been on a tear this season with a terrific 10-1-1 record. Including a strong 1-0 victory at Trinity, a perennial powerhouse in the state. Head Coach Matthew Hansman has high expectations for the deep

and talented team. Juniors Andrew Epplen and Danny Kleier are the team captains and will hope to lead the JV Soccer Team to a Regional Championship.

The Colonels edged out St. Henry in a 2-0 victory in the first round of the Regional Tournament. The JV Soccer Team rolled through the next two rounds of the tournament crushing Conner 8-0 and Scott 7-0.

The year ended with a comfortable 2-0 win over St. Henry in the Regional Championship. Congratulations to the JV Soccer Colonels on winning the Regional Championship!

Bowling Preview

Jake Brueggeman

Shoes need to be filled for the Interscholastic Bowling team this season. Last year the team went 7-4 and had an overall successful season. The team consisted of eleven seniors, one junior, and five underclassmen. Eleven seniors departing created a large dent in the team's roster leaving plenty of room for new players. With only six returning players from last year's team, the Bowling Team needs some new talent to try out and lead the team to new heights.

This season's team will be led by Gary Wagner in his first year as the head coach of the Colonel bowlers. The team will rally behind senior Tyler Kathman, who will hope to guide a young squad to success. Tryouts will begin October 2nd and conclude on the 5th. The roster will be decided by Monday, the 6th. All students are encouraged to try out for the bowling team in hopes of another strong season for the Colonels.

JV Footballers Bring Their Game

Ben Zumdick

Football season started again and the JV Football Squad is ready to work towards making the next step to the Varsity Level.

The Colonels are off to a 1-2 start against two impressive opponents. The Colonels handled Highlands in their first matchup beating them 21-6 with touchdowns from Brent Angel, Tony Hentz, and Anthony Best. Unfortunately, Highlands was able to even up the series two weeks later defeating the Colonels 34-20. Angel scored once and Hentz ran in another two. The Colonels' other loss came against Ohio powerhouse Archbishop Moeller 34-0.

The JV squad has many players representing. The offense is led by sophomore quarterback Tony Hentz. He enjoys throwing the ball up to big play threat Brent Angel. Angel has two touchdowns on the year. Anthony Best and Max Schrand are a speedy duo coming out of the backfield, both also get significant reps on defense, playing corner. Other defensive players making an impact are Josh Galvin and Jake Kunkel on the defensive line. Cason, "The Brick Wall," Wall leads the linebacker core.

"The level of competition is much improved compared to freshman football, but I feel it has helped me improve as a player, and I'm excited to see how the rest of the year goes," says sophomore safety Marshall Hornsby.

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The Haughey Family

Questing for a Championship

Cooper Theobald

Arguably the most important stage of a player's football career is his freshman football season. This season is the first time kids come together with other students from other schools to showcase their talents and show that they can make it as a high school football player. For many high schools freshman football is viewed as a time to just have fun and not to be taken seriously, but at Covington Catholic the players are held to a standard as high as the varsity team. The team is truly dedicated to the sport, so much so that they have been weight lifting and practicing since the beginning of the summer weeks before other schools. All their hard work and countless hours of practicing is put forth to reach the ultimate goal of winning the regional championship game. The freshman team last year made it to the championship game, but fell short of winning to a very talented Ryle team. The great thing about freshman football is that each year is a fresh start, and this year's team is locked in and believes they can win the championship.

First year freshman coach Mr. Ian Goddard leads the team along with his several assistant coaches



who coach certain positions. Although the team has a new leader, the mindset has remained the same – win – and this year's team has not disappointed after losing only one of four games so far in the early part of the season. Their first game against Dixie was a little too close for comfort as the "real" Colonels defeated the "little" Colonels 13-12. Both of CovCath's scores were result of an AJ Mayer pass to Grant Dyer, the first pass being a 57 yard touchdown and the second an 89 yard score. Their next opponent, Cooper, put up a good battle, but was edged by the Colonels 19-16. Grant Dyer and Jack Defraites both had rushing touchdowns along with a 65 yard pass and catch from AJ Mayer to Logan Beagle. The freshman's next game was more of the same as Grant Dyer and Jack Defraites both had

rushing touchdowns in a 13-6 victory over Campbell County. After defeating the Camels, the Colonels suffered their first loss of the season in a defensive battle against Simon Kenton with the final score being 0-6.

The freshman team next travels to play on October 1 which will mark the halfway point in the regular season as only four games will remain. The Colonels play the Bluebirds of Highlands on this date which is always an exciting matchup when these two teams meet. The Colonels also look to seek revenge on Ryle in the last week of the season on October 29 in a highly anticipated matchup. The freshman team is filled with players who have a lot of talent, and they have a solid coaching staff which should help them fill up the rest of their schedule with W's on their quest for a championship win.

Varsity Keeps Battling

Brian Haughey

The Varsity Football Colonels end the month of September with a 3-2 record. They started the season strong with wins over 6A Boone County and 6A Dixie Heights only allowing 13 points and scoring over 40 for each game. The Colonels have returning talent and experience due to so many injuries last year. Offensive standouts have been senior receivers Logan McDowell and Lee McClure and senior quarterback Adam Wagner. The Colonels are led defensively by senior defensive backs Alex Wagner and Ben Zumnick, along with junior defensive lineman Jake Steins.

The Boone game got called off at half time due to heat while it was 39-6. The Colonels have losses to GCL big boys Moeller and archrival Highlands Bluebirds. Before going into the bye week they faced Henderson County, one of the biggest schools in Kentucky, at home and came out victorious. While coming out slow in the first half, they went into the locker room at halftime trailing 21-14. Coach Wirth must have said something to get the boys fired up in the second half. They scored 28 unanswered points in the second half to make it 42-14. They finished with a 49-28 victory over the country Colonels from Henderson.

Their next victim was the Highlands Bluebirds under the lights at Ft. Thomas. Just before the game, the coaches brought out a box of new white pants. This is the first time

Cov Cath football has ever worn white pants. Sadly, the pants did not help the Colonels as they took a disappointing 42-7 loss.

Following Highlands, the Colonels hosted their neighbors down the street the Beechwood Tigers. The Tigers drew first blood on a short out pass to go up 7-0. The Colonels answered back with a flare to Ryan McGinness from Ben Dressman. Only playing 5 plays, starting QB Adam Wagner left the game with a severe concussion. The Tigers then scored by returning the following kickoff to regain their lead by 7. The Colonels could never get their momentum rolling and failed to score again until late in the 4th quarter. The Colonels could not come back and suffered a loss with a final of 28-13. The Colonels suffered some devastating injuries including both starting and backup QB's Adam Wagner and Ben Dressman, along with senior DB's Drew DeMarsh and Ben Zumnick.

The Colonels next opponent is the Ryle Raider at their place. With Ryan McGinness having to take over at quarterback and forcing the Colonels having to change up their offensive and defensive tragedies due to injuries, the Colonels remain strong. Following Ryle is senior day against district seed game Harrison County. Finally the Colonels finish their regular season with another district seed game against Holmes and then face the Connor Cougars away.



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FOOTBALL COLONELS
IN THE PLAYOFFS**

The Bowman Family

Golf Colonels Hitting Well

Paul Huber

The Varsity Golf Team has gotten off to a slow start to begin the 2014 season. Their best finish was 2nd place at the Pikeville Invitational at Stonecrest, shooting a team score of 309. Paul Huber led the team with a 1 under par round of 71, which finished 2nd overall in the tournament. The golf team finished 3rd in their first tournament of the year at the Five-star General Invitational at Picadome. The team shot a total score of 312, and led by Huber with a 2 under par 70, which was tied for 2nd in the tournament.

At the biggest regular season tournament of the year – St. Xavier's Tournament KIT – the Colonels were led by senior Jim Dietz, with a 3 over par 75 that gave him a tie-19 finish, individually; the team finished 8th overall.

The following week, the Colonels went to the Classic at Kearney Hills. The team finished in

a tie for 15th and were led by Paul Huber with a score of 76.

The next week was a little better for the Colonels, as they finished 3rd at the Madison Central Invitational at Gibson Bay. The team shot 309 and finished 3rd, while Paul Huber won his first tournament of the year, shooting a 4 under par 68 to win by 1 stroke. The Colonels have a record of 1-4 in nine-hole matches.

The varsity team finished 2nd at the NKAC Conference Tournament, and they were led by Griffin Flesch with an 80. They also finished 2nd at the Region 7 Tournament with a team score of 325. The Colonels were led by Daniel Lee with an 80.

The JV golf team has shown some promise for the future. Tyler Chandler, Sam Schuh, and Josh Struck show tremendous promise for the next three years. They have posted great scores, and have several medalists.



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Running With A Purpose

Grant Guenther

This fall the returning state runner-up Covington Catholic cross country team was back to work. After an unbelievable year the previous year, the Colonels are left with an inexperienced team on all levels of competition. Not much is expected of them this year, so this young team is still hungry for a fantastic season.

Freshman: On the freshman level, a tremendous amount of talent exists. With no standout runners, these freshmen are hard at work. There are 10 runners on this year's freshman team, which is a very respectable number compared to the last few years. The members include Will Akin, Luke Lenihan, Michael Ward, Jack Dunham, Alec Ballman, Witt Hammond, Julian Chapman, Jackson Witt, Paul Couch, and Drew

Hummel. These freshmen do not get a chance to run as a team often because they usually run on the JV level but they did get a chance to run together at The Tiger Run which was the opening meet of the season at all levels. Here they placed 4th out of 7 teams while still missing one of the top five freshmen due to sickness. This freshman team seems to give Cov Cath cross country a bright future and we are looking forward to seeing what they grow into.

Junior Varsity: Coach Arnold said, "On the JV level, the competition is always high. We have one of the best JV teams in the area and among the best in the state year in and year out." Every race these Colonels are looking to win and this year it looks as if a lot of JV runners will be in contention for a Varsity running

chance at some point in the season. These JV runners are forcing the Varsity runners to work hard to keep their spot. The JV team has run several meets including the Tiger Run where they placed 4th out of 14 teams and The Grant County Invitational where they placed 2nd out of 9 teams (finishing second only by the Crusaders of St. Henry), the Covington Catholic Invitational where they played 2nd out of 5 teams, and the Midwest Catholic Invitational where they dominated the field. These JV guys have a huge chance to step up this year and really help the varsity. The top Junior Varsity runners are: David Dinn, Trey Shearer, Griffin Hester, Graham Merten, and Sam Zimmerman (Sam finished 2nd at Grant County invitational).

Varsity: The Varsity level

is young, with only two returning runners in senior Grant Guenther and junior Matt Rose, lots of other people are going to have to step up. While still being young, however, the varsity team looks like it can still have plenty of talent if they gain experience through the season. The top Varsity young runners include Zach Hemsath (who is new to running this season), Joe Niehaus, Thomas Ziegler, and Jason Krebs. This team has potential and many runners will have their chance to step up. Unlike most seasons the varsity line-up does not look to be a fixed line-up because all different people will get their chance to run in a varsity race. The Varsity team took 8th in Tiger run out of 26 competitive teams and finished 5th at Grant County Invitational out of 19 teams, the Covington Catholic Invitational where they placed

2nd out of 7 teams, and the Midwest Catholic Invitational where they played 3rd out of 11 teams. "The key to this year's young team will be gaining experience and minimizing the split between the 1-5 runners" says Coach Arnold. These runner were ranked 5th in the AA State Rankings and are working hard for good results in all races.

Overall, Cross Country is in good hands this year with a talented team, great coaches, and a couple solid leaders. It looks as if great things can come out of these boys and it will be a fun season.

Jr/Sr Intramural Bowling League

Cooper Theobald

With the start of another school year comes many changes and new beginnings, but one thing remains the same – Wednesdays are Intramural Bowling (IBL) days. Every Wednesday starting in the beginning of September students can pay a fee of five dollars to bowl at La Rue Lanes in Erlanger, Ky. Once the student has paid the fee to the moderator of the league, Mrs. Osterhaus, he can take the bus, which leaves directly after school, or he can drive himself to the bowling alley. Each week teams compete against one another to become IBL champs, but although IBL is competitive it also can be used as a way to hang out with friends and build new connections and friendships. The teams that compete against one another

are split into two divisions – a junior/senior division and a freshman/sophomore division.

The junior/senior division is as entertaining and as competitive as it gets. Only three weeks into the league almost all junior/senior teams are in the hunt for the top spot. Each team consists of at least three players and there are a total of eight teams battling one another. As of week three, Team Torres leads the field with 6 wins followed by four teams with 5 wins (Boyle, Heeb, Pelletier, and Sheets) and bringing up the rear are Team Wagner (2 wins) and Team Woodcock (1 win). Tyler Kathman of Team Heeb is one of the standout bowlers thus far. Tyler holds the highest average per game (183.44)

as well as the highest three game series score (594). He also holds the second highest game score (228) which is second only to Adam Zimmerman whose high game is 255.

One thing is for certain, pins will fly in the weeks to come, and the junior/senior race to be champion will tighten as bowlers find their groove and continue to take part in IBL Wednesdays. With the participation from this year's junior/senior classes, IBL should prosper and grow in the future to become one of the most popular activities at Covington Catholic moving forward. Until then, bowlers will continue to fill up the lanes Wednesday after Wednesday.

Freshman and Sophomore IBL Keeps the Pins Flying

Noah Helbling

Intramural bowling is off to another fun-filled and exciting year in 2014. The freshman and sophomore league is once again competitive with much to look forward to each week with this group of bowlers.

Team Schreiber is in first place with eight wins and a two way tie for second between teams Hehman and Ross, each with seven wins. Sophomore Mark Briede has set himself aside

from his competitors, leading the league with high game, 191, high 3-game series, 511, and also high average, 159.75. Although Briede leads all categories, sophomores Logan Schulte and Luke Lonneman are not people to ignore. Schulte has a high game of 186 and high 3-game series of 443. Lonneman holds equally impressive numbers with high games of 179 and 159, high 3-game series of 443,

and high average of 134.4.

The freshmen and sophomores have made things exciting thus far and bring much competition to the lanes each week. As of now, it is fair game for any of the avid bowling teams in this freshman and sophomore intramural bowling season of 2014 and each of them look to finish at the top of this year's final standings.

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