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# SPRING HAS SPRUNG

## NDA/CCH REVEAL SPRING MUSICAL JANE EYRE

Austin Wilson

*Jane Eyre* was a play put on by the CCH and NDA drama groups. The play was performed Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>-Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at NDA's theater.

The play begins with young Jane, played by Chloe Esmeier, as current Jane, played by senior Kelsey Schwarber, narrates her life. Young Jane is taken care of by her aunt, Mrs. Reed (Katherine Horsford) along with her son John (Lucas Hummendorf), who likes to hate and tease Jane. Because of this Reed sends Jane to an all-girl school where she is ridiculed. Her only friend there is Helen Burns, but sadly, Typhus comes into



the school and takes the lives of many, including Helen. Jane mourns her friend's passing, and later in life, she leaves the school and becomes a governess for the Rochester family. Edward Rochester, played by Tim Belton, captures Jane's heart upon first meeting. At their first meeting, Edward falls off of his horse so Jane aids in his time of need. Unbeknownst to Jane,

this lovely man on horseback is the Edward Rochester, her new boss. Edward is supposed to marry Blanche (played by Sarah Draud), which upsets Jane.



Later in the play, Jane is taken to see Mrs. Reed because of illness, and Mrs. Reed apologizes to Jane. Jane then forgives her aunt on her deathbed. She becomes friends with St. John Rivers, played by Cam Berling, and he falls in love, proposes a marriage to her and offers to take her to India. Jane declines the proposal and is pulled back to Thornfield Hall and Edward. When she returns, she finds the hall in ruins from a fire set by Edward's crazy wife, portrayed by Fiona Blackburn. It turned out Edward ran into the burning house and saved everyone, but he became blind from the accident. Jane confesses her love to Edward Rochester, and happiness ensues.



Other outstanding performances could be seen in Danny Matos, the master of the girls' school; Mason Kinsella, the brother of the crazy Mrs. Rochester; Luke Eisner, the amusing butler; Ellie O'Hara, the wonderfully funny Mrs. Fairfax, and so many more.



This was the final play of the 2016-2017 school year and they definitely saved the best for last. The acting was outstanding and everyone who sang had a great voice and made the show shine. Shout out to all the directors of the play, especially Mrs. Diane Ruth, who spends so much time helping to coordinate it all. Thanks to all those crew members who spend endless hours painting, pushing, cleaning, preparing for the show. If you missed out on this magnificent show, you can always go to a library and find the novel--an equally entertaining read.



## ALICE/Social Media Speakers Share with Colonels

David Reisiger

A big topic in our world today is what the people in schools will do in the case of a school shooter. Our world was forever changed when the school shooting at Columbine High School happened back in 1999. The old tactics for a school shooter used to be to barricade the door and hide in a corner, but after the Columbine shooting, the authorities realized that we cannot just sit back and wait for something to happen. Police Chief Schutte of the Fort Mitchell Police Department came to Covington Catholic to relate what we should do in case anything like this ever happens.



Officer Schutte, having two of his own sons enrolled in Covington Catholic, takes the topic of a school shooter seriously and loves to inform others on how to react in the case of a shooting. He told the student body that we are no longer taught to sit and hide, but we are told to do anything and everything that we can to get out of the building. We do not just want to sit in a corner while someone with a gun makes his way around the school taking innocent lives. Officer Schutte was extremely informative and helped all of the students realize what we are to do in the case of a school



shooting.

Another officer of the Park Hills Police Department came in as well to inform the students about the dangers of social media and sexting. He informed the guys on the consequences that can come with sending anything inappropriate over cell phones, and how social media can tear apart some people and families. The students became aware of what can really happen with sending "harmless" pictures, or putting something on social media to intentionally hurt someone.

We are thankful for both of the officers for taking time out of their day to inform us, and make us more aware. Both topics are often taken for granted in discussions among teens, but now we feel better informed on what we should do in each instance.

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MUSIC REVIEW

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GAWVI ON THE RISE

Jacob Sander

Hit new musician Gawvi is on the rise. His new song "Closer" offers a fresh new sound to the music industry. The song "Closer" includes slow, meaningful lyrics that mix with a fast paced "dance party" beat that provides



high amount of energy to the song. With more popularity this song has many qualities to rise in the charts to reach more popularity. Gawvi's other

songs, like "God Speed," and "In the Water," also provide a new and unique song with a lot of changes of tempo and with a good "dance party" like beat.

With his number increasing daily on Spotify to over 300,000 monthly listeners, it is a high possibility that Gawvi could make a swift rise similar to the Chainsmokers the last couple years. Their unique sound would connect with a lot of young people today, and they just need to get their name out, and they could become the next mainstream group, and with their new unique sound, they could inspire other artists in developing a new genre altogether.

AAAH, THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

Kyle Brake

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of the saint's death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. It is said that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity, which refers to the combination of Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is why it has a strong association with this day and his name. Legend also has that, Saint Patrick had put the curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland. And he drove all the snakes into the sea where they drowned.

Today in America, St. Patrick's Day is known for the drinking and the color green. Though the main purpose of this holiday may be construed a bit, it still has a rich history. In Ireland, the day's spirit is to celebrate the universal baptism of Ireland. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular

holiday. The Catholic feast day for this most loved of Irish saints has become a holiday in celebration of the Irish and Irish culture. The leprechaun has become entrenched as a chief symbol for this holiday, as is the shamrock. It is fitting that this holiday should fall at the time of the year when the return of spring begins to seem at hand.



THE ARRIVAL MAKES YOU THINK

Austin Wilson

In *The Arrival*, released this past year, Linguistics professor Louise Banks is lecturing at a university, when US Army Colonel Webber asks her to join Ian Donnelly to decipher the aliens' language and find out why they have arrived. Louise and Ian give the "Heptapods" names which are Abbot and Costello. Louise discovers they have a written language of circular symbols.

As she becomes more familiar she starts to see and dream vivid images of herself with her daughter and of the relationship with the father. Louise discovers that the aliens are asking for a weapon, but she thinks they actually mean "Technology." The world does not believe Louise and they think the aliens want a war. They order the US soldiers to plant explosives in the ships while Louise and Ian are in there. Abbot and Costello eject them out of the ship knowing there are bombs planted on the inside.

After Louise recovers from the ejection, she goes back up into the ship and Costello explains to Louise that

her "visions" were not flashbacks but "flash-forwards." Costello also says they have come to Earth to help humanity by sharing their language, which is



the "weapon" because it changes perception of time. The aliens know that 300 years into the future they will need humanity's help in return. Even though Louise knows that her baby with Ian her future husband will die of cancer before the teenage years, she still agrees to marry and have a baby with him.

This movie is one of the better movies that I have seen in theaters in a long time. This is a "make you think" kind of movie, but if you understand what the producer is trying to do, at the end, you will be shocked at how good it actually was.

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR STRETON

Henry Toebe

Harley Edward Streton, the man behind Flume, has had quite the explosion to fame in the US. Born in Sydney, Australia, the young artist began producing his own music for fun in his teens and found a passion that he loved. With just a few years into the music life, he had won a competition held by Future Classics and soon after was signed for his single "Sleepless."

Streton's background gives him a different way of viewing and producing music than those doing it in the US. His music contains strong hints of House music and UK Garage music. Many have found a profound liking for the new and upcoming artist.

After being signed to his first major label, he decided to tour the US on his Disclosure Tour in the fall of

2013, bringing the artist to the peak of his fame. He then released his first solo-titled album the following year and has been a dominant force in the music industry ever since, releasing multiple albums and collaborations with numerous other artists. The sky is the limit for Streton, as he continues to make waves all over the world with his music.



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## Leadership Conference

**Nathan Bir**

On March 9, junior scholars Andrew Belton, Tyler Macknight and Owen Piatt went to the Regional Youth Leadership (RYL) conferences on March 9. The enrollment was strict with only 3 students being accepted from the hundreds of other applicants. Mr. Barczak, freshman counselor, asked the juniors to write an essay on what it meant to be a leader and what the person did to help others. From the multiple people that applied only Andrew, Tyler and Owen were accepted.

The conferences involved hearing speeches from dozens of professional occupations like police officers and lawyers. Our fine students were included with the near-

ly 30 other schools from around Northern Kentucky. The speeches told these students of potential career options and the leadership skills needed to help in their jobs. The sessions of speeches happened over the course of an entire Thursday. Andrew Belton said he was glad for the opportunity to go on this great experience and was honored that he was chosen over the other applicants.



## SCHOLASTIC WINNERS

**Will Breen**



On March 25, 2017, the Northern KY Writing Region held its annual Scholastic Art and Writing Awards ceremony at NDA's Theater. Covington Catholic was no small presence at the event with over 24 winners from the entire range of awards from Honorable Mentions to Gold finalists in categories including personal essays, flash fiction, short story, writing portfolio, novel writing, humor, critical essay, poetry, short story, and science fiction.

In the Gold category, winners included Aidan Donaghy and Jacob Dressman.

For the Silver category: Zach Anderson, Mark Briede, Avery Dietz, Aidan Donaghy, Adam Fortner, Tyler MacKnight, Steven Metzger, Evan Moon, Warren Naberhaus, Patrick Seibert.

Honorable Mentions: Mark Briede, Vincent Cafazo, Cole Davis, Ethan Deters, Jacob Dressman, Ben Flesch, Adam Fortner, Luke Hentz, Drew Hummel, Charlton Jones, Jude Kiely, Grant Lawler, Nick Raisbeck, Noah Reed, Michael Schaefer, and Alex

Shelton.

Finally, it was an honor to have the NKY Writing Region to have recognized senior Jacob Dressman for being nominated as an American Voices Medal Nominee. Of the five nominated writers, Jacob was then recognized on the national level as the American Voices recipient for the NKY area. He also received a Gold Medal for his novel *From Dusk to Dawn*. Jacob read an excerpt from his novel at the ceremony, along with several other Gold Medal Recipients. Mrs. Teri Foltz, organizer of the NKY Writing Region, added, "The judges raved about Jacob's writing style and plot." We look forward to seeing more good things from Jacob in the future. Congratulations to all the recipients.



## CADAVER LAB VISIT

**Griffin Flesch**

On Thursday, March 2, the anatomy classes visited the Cadaver Lab in the Science Center on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. The field trip for the class is a long-standing tradition as they go every year.

The classes visited the lab throughout the day according to each perspective class period. The class, taught by Mr. Tom Eckerle, studies the human body, and at the lab they had the chance to examine two human cadavers. After going over basic cautionary procedures, the students entered the lab and saw

the bodies. Senior Jeff Huston said of the experience, "I've been around dead bodies before, so seeing another one wasn't really that big of a deal, but other students were feeling the effects." The trips, which lasted around two hours each, gave students an ample amount of time to examine the cadavers and ask questions before returning to CovCath.

Field trips, such as this one to a cadaver lab that allow students to expand on their knowledge from the classroom, are one of the many ways that Covington Catholic sets itself apart from the majority of schools.

## MARCH MADNESS

**Henry Toebe**

It is that time of year again; get your brackets together, call the upsets and see how far you can last before the inevitable comes along and you are left staring at a broken bracket once again. Millions try every year to finally predict their perfect bracket, but year in and year out they continue to fail. The hope of perfection keeps them coming back year after year.

Northern Kentucky was put on the map with the Norse being matched up against the dominant Kentucky Wildcats. Northern as the 15th seed and UK holding the 2nd seed, it was going to take some serious work for the Norse to pull off the upset. Local and well known restaurant owner, Jeff Ruby promised all of NKU's currently enrolled students a free stake dinner if the Norse were able to pull it off. This promise was gaining national attention in the days leading up to the

beginning game of the tournament, getting attention from ESPN.

When March 17th rolled around it was time for tip off. NKU had a hot start and shocked many viewers giving Jeff Ruby some early shivers. As the game progressed it seemed as if NKU was going to be able to hold on and stay within striking range, but as it came late in the first half, senior guard Cole Murray had a chance at a 3-point shot that would have put them over the Wildcats, but missed and had seemed like the last of the Norse's hopes for the game. For the remainder of the half, the Wildcats went on a 15-3 run and were up 18 at the end of the half. The Wildcats carried over their dominance at the end of the first half into the second half to obtain their victory. It was a good fight for the Norse who put up a better fight than any viewer intended to watch.

## COLONELS AT NDA PROM

**Alex Shelton**

The Notre Dame Prom occurred last Friday night, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Netherlands Plaza Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. Many of the Covington Catholic students get asked every year to accompany a Notre Dame student to the dance. The evening started with dinner, which consisted of noodles, vegetables, and a breadstick. Then the dancing started. For hours on end, it seemed, the dance floor was packed.

Senior Cole VonHandorf had a great time and added, "It was so much fun and it is hard to believe I only have one more prom left."

Following the prom, After Prom was held at Notre Dame Academy. There was a DJ, airbrush tattoos, inflatables, photo booth, and a lot of food. Students seemed to have liked the food the best, naturally.

All in all, the prom was a successful night, and the senior boys have just one more chance of fun and memories with their Colonel classmates. The Covington Catholic Prom is April 7<sup>th</sup>, at Paul Brown Stadium.

## COLONELS FOR LIFE

**Cole VonHandorf**

THE COLONELS FOR LIFE, the prolific club of Covington Catholic High School, are involved with many activities and events throughout the year. The group is made up of students who volunteer to be in, to partici-

gion teacher here at CCH. Mr. Andolina said, "I have multiple senior student leaders to get the younger students more involved and for them to have motivation to be able to lead the group one day when they are seniors."



pate in an event called Life's Fifth Quarter. The prestigious group is led by Mr. Andolina, the sophomore and junior reli-

The March For Life in Washington D.C. takes place annually. The COLONELS FOR LIFE believed that the duplication of the March For Life is needed in the Greater Cincinnati area. One of the Colonels' biggest events and a favorite of Mr. Andolina's is Life's 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Life's 5<sup>th</sup>

quarter (L5Q) began holding services on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month throughout the year (four in total). These services included an 8am Mass at Holy Name Church, followed by Benediction Service, then Rosary Service in front of Auburn Avenue's Planned Parenthood facility and finally return to church to complete the Benediction service. L5Q has the support of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Roger Foys of the Diocese of Covington. Both of them rotate as our celebrants on a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Mr. Andolina's infamous quotes "Just Two Hours!" and "Just Fifteen Minutes!" are student favorites and correlate to being just two hours each quarter and just fifteen minutes each week for LIFE!

## PHOTO CLUB TAKES IN PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE

**Jared Reid**

The Photo Club



took a trip up to the Cincinnati Art Museum this past week. On March 21, the club went to a lecture from famed photographer, Larry Fink. This is the first time that the Colonels have ever been to one of Larry Fink's presentations, and they did

not leave disappointed. The members listened and experienced the colorful character of Mr. Fink for a couple hours. The presentation went from harmonica lessons to photos of famous icons, such as Malcolm X and Barack Obama. Larry Fink has been a photographer for 55 years and has had a life filled with exciting political figures all over the world. He has been to places such as New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Tokoyo. The Photo Club has gone to presen-

tations like this a few times before, but this presentation spurred excitement among the Colonels because of the quality personality of Mr. Fink.

Larry Fink, as mentioned before, has been a professional photographer for about 55 years but also has had one-man shows at New York's Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum of Modern Art. He has some shows around the world as well, including, but not limited to, Switzerland and Belgium. The Colonels would like to thank the profound photographer for coming and inspiring young minds.

## PI DAY CELEBRATED BY MATH DEPT.

Austin Wilson



3.14159269... Those are only a few of the infinite numbers of Pi, but the most important numbers of Pi are 3.14. On Tuesday, March 14, (Ironically 3/14) students in math classes all over the world celebrate Pi Day. Pi is the circumference of any circle, divided by its diameter. On Pi Day, some teachers might assign some problems using the Pi formula, but by the end of the class the students and teachers are enjoying some cherry, apple, or pecan pie! Who doesn't love a math term that lets you eat pie? On this date,

some of Mrs. Stengle's and Mr. Lubbers' classes got to have this awesome experience. I spoke with Ryan O'Connell about Pi Day, "Yeah man, eating pie during a math class was super cool, and it's something I haven't done here yet."

Pi Day is a great and fun tradition at Cov Cath and is a great to learn and eat some good food. Also, shout out to Mrs. Stengle for keeping it alive and hope that every teacher follows her ways when it comes to Pi Day!

## Philanthropists Choose Ed Colina

**Alex Shelton**

isiger, Daniel Mounir, Jared



Silbernagel, Joe DiMuzzio, Anthony Best, Cameron Berling, and Adam Fortner.

After months

The Magnified Giving Club at Covington Catholic may be the most underrated, but most important club at the school. Magnified Giving is a philanthropy group that is in charge of giving \$1000 to a non-profit organization in the tristate area. Mr. Rich Andolina is the leader of the club at CovCath and has been for five plus years.

The Magnified Giving Club is led by Presidents Marc Maier and Alex Shelton, and other members include Dylan Silbernagel, Jacob Kunkel, David Re-

of training and preparation, the club picked a non-profit organization on Thursday, April 6, 2017. The organization that was selected is Journey- An Ed Colina organization, which was presented by member Dylan Silbernagel.

"This has been our best year yet. We had great leadership and great participation," Andolina added. Next year, Magnified Giving will be looking to replace a lot of seniors next year, but Mr. Andolina is excited for the future.

## ROBOTICS GO TO STATE COMPETITION

**Will Breen**

On February 26th, both a senior Robotics Team and another team called the RoboColonels travelled to Shelbyville, KY, to participate in the annual state tournament for the first time. The tournament had over 40 teams from across the state compete in various classes and heats ranging from the task of having a robot climb a steep wall to going up and down steps.

Juniors Trey Rottinghaus and Whit Hammond led the RoboColonels to victory in the first round, where they trounced the Lexington Christian Knights in the wall climb. However, after advancing

to the next round, the RoboColonels ended up being defeated in a near dead heat race with Louisville Trinity High School.

Although it was a heart-breaking loss, this tournament marks the beginning of a new year in the Robotics Program here at Covington Catholic. No team before us has proven to be as capable and understanding of the material and processes used in competition, and with the new knowledge gained in this year's tournament, the RoboColonels are going to be here to stay for a while and are sure to be making an appearance at next year's tournament.



**OUTDOOR PURSUITS****Jared Reid/Will Breen**

The Outdoor Pursuits Club was an older club in CCH history. The club had been put out of commission for a few years, but brought back to life by Mr. Stephen Snyder. Mr. Snyder hopes to gain some interest in outdoor activities among the student body.



The group recently took a trip to Kyle Fryman's farm on March 18th in Pendleton County. The Colonels set out with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Fortner to the farm in Butler, Kentucky, to explore the great world and activities of the outdoors. The group made up of Kyle Fryman, Adam Fortner, Noah Feinauer, Tommy Bradley, Mr. Fortner and Mr. Snyder.

They made a fire with only one match and things they found around the farm. They did things such as tying knots and sitting around the fire. They also practiced hanging a bearbag, a method for storing food in environments where bears are present.



Feel free to contact any of those students or adults if interested in activities like this.

**GHETTOBLASTERS  
COMPETE AROUND NKY****Kyle Brake**

"Ultimate Frisbee helps me clear my head. There is nothing like tossing the fris'. When I'm on the field, I feel like I'm untouchable. I feel free." These comments, from senior Greg Cronin, truly show how the game of Ultimate Frisbee is grabbing a lot of attention.

First year senior, Gregory Cronin, is one of the most elite Frisbee throwers in most of Northern Kentucky. Gregory was recruited by a team known as the Ghetto Blasters. The GB's are coached by Jeff Barbian, who was a 2011 graduate of Covington Catholic, and now takes time off of playing professional Fris to give back to his community.

The GB's currently play in a 20-person league. The GB's are currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the league accruing to Greg. The team's



best player, Mike Finke, comments on expectations for the season. "I think we have the possibility to make a run at the state championship this season."

The rules of the game say the first team to get to 15 points will

win. The GB's is currently a Co-Ed team. There are 7 people on the field at a time. The GB's have recruited 15 of the best athletes east of the Mississippi. Some of the athletes come from right here at Covington Catholic. Joseph Suetholz is a senior also and Nick Tilford.

Greg and the rest of the team are currently 3-0. The GB's biggest completion will be when they play their hardest completion, The Red Team. Find out more from Finke or Cronin if you are interested in participating.

**TEA, ANYONE?****Griffin Flesch**

On Thursday, March 9, the Culture Club, led by Mrs. Ruth, met at Sake Bomb in Erlanger, KY, for their monthly meeting. At Sake Bomb Sushi, the group of Aidan Donaghy, Danny Ballow, Michael Hodge, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Ruth, and a couple of guests were treated to a Tea Ceremony by the owner.

They learned about seven different types of teas and how the leaves were grown, as well as their distinct flavors. The owner explained that the leaves used at Sake Bomb are much softer and gentler than the harsh leaves used in British culture. The group was taught how

to brew the tea using water heated to 230 degrees Fahrenheit and then drained into a strainer. The group was also given a brief history of the tea and how it was much more expensive when it came from Asia years ago.

After the tea ceremony, the group was treated to a delicious dinner that included sushi and other foods of the Japanese culture. The Covington Catholic Culture Club has given students the opportunity to explore cultures of different parts of the world and will continue to do so. Who knows where they will go next?

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDED****Matthew Thiel**

Avery Dietz, a junior, received the Future Civic Leader Award from the organization Kids Voting Northern Kentucky. The award was given for Avery's outstanding commitment to service and civic involvement. Avery has completed 220 hours of service through less than 3 years of being at CCH (the requirement is 45 hours).

Avery thought of an idea in which he would collect lightly used athletic equipment and would distribute it to underprivileged children in the tristate area. Avery calls the program "Athletes Again." Avery hopes to run the program again next year and to pass on the torch when he goes off to college. Avery embodies what it means to be a Colonel. He is respectful, hard-working, and committed. Avery certainly has bright days ahead. Congratulations, Avery!

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## VARSITY TENNIS

### REGION DOMINANCE

Alex Shelton

Spring time in Park Hills, Kentucky, means a few things--one of those is tennis season. Coach Hertsenberg and the tennis Colonels are poised for another great run for a regional championship. The Colonels Varsity tennis team is made up of seniors Anthony Bosch, Jared Haught; juniors Max Cook, Jack DeFraitas, Lucas Reynolds, Alex Schneider; sophomores Luke McHale, Cristiano Trojani, Benito Trojani; and freshmen Evan Gardner and Danny Schlachter.

The Colonels started the season, after playing a few scrimmages, against Greenwood in which they won 5-0. Junior Alex Schneider was named Colonel of the Match. The Colonels then played Simon Kenton at home and won again 5-0. The Colonels were handed their first loss at Trinity in Louisville, losing 7-2. The Colonels then went on a roll beating Ashland

Paul Blazer, Ryle, Cooper, Campbell County, and Highlands.

Coach Herts is excited about the Colonels success so far in this young season. Coach Hertsenberg added, "We have a lot of young talent, but fortunately have great leaders in our seniors Jared Haught and Anthony Bosch." Haught and Bosch are veterans for the Colonel Tennis team and are helping mold the future. The Colonels are heavy favorites to win the regional title and the players realize that. Senior Jared Haught added, "We understand that we have a target on our backs and we embrace it. It forces us to be on our best at all times."

The Colonels next couple of matches are home matches against Cincinnati St. Xavier, Dixie Heights, and Conner.

### TRACK ON A STREAK

Alec Simon

The Covington Catholic Track and Field team started their season off at the Conner Cougar Invitational Meet on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall, rewarding their hard work in the off-season, with a score of 225 points from the efforts of Patrick Seibert, Casey Wolnitzek, Owen Piatt, Zack Hemsath, Drew Hummel, Tanner Bayer, Michael Hodge, Anthony Best, and Adam Stegman all placing first in their events.



The next meet that the team participated in was the Villa Madonna Relay for Life on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Colonels placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall with a score of 168 points with Luke Summe, Tanner Bayer, and Adam Stegman placing first in their events.

The undefeated Colonels then went on to compete in the Clash of the Classes meet on April 1<sup>st</sup> and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with 58 points. After their first loss, the team was destined to come back with a bang, and they did at the Kenton County High School Championships on April 4<sup>th</sup>, placing 1<sup>st</sup> with a score of 211 points. Luke Summe, Owen Piatt, Drew Hummel, Ben Boydston, Neil Green, and Thomas Pilger all helped the team win by placing first in

their events.

The Colonels then competed in the Diocese of Covington meet on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and once again placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall with a score of 178 points. Luke Summe, Drew Hummel, Ben Boydston, and Adam Stegman all placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their events and lead the Colonels to a victory.

The Covington Catholic Track and Field team is off to a great start in their season, and they look promising to win many more of the upcoming meets.



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## ARCHERY

### State Competition for Archers

Josh Galvin

The Colonels went down to the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville for state competition. This is only the second year of the Colonels have had an archery team. The Colonels are sending down their 12 best shooters to Louisville. Some of these archers include: Josh Schultz, Josh Penrod, Steve Metzger, Noah Davis, and Ben Stegman.

All the shooters will shoot at the same time. They will score on their accuracy and the point system is out of 300. The Colonels are going into the tournaments with high hopes. They are led by some strong upper classmen such as Josh Schultz and Noah Davis. They are known as the sharpshooters of this class. Josh Schultz said, “I think we have a real shot, being our only second year as a program. We are going in with mentality that we will come out as champions.”



## LACROSSE

Kyle Brake

If you ask anyone, ranging from the United States to the United Kingdom, they know the name of Covington Catholic Lacrosse. The Colonels have had a rocky past in regards to the team; however, Cov Cath has started to get its footing.

The Covington Catholic Lacrosse team was conceived in 2001. Even though they have switched coaches multiple times since they started, the Colonels still have managed to grind. Over the past 3 years, CCH had not won 3 games in a row. The Colonels are currently 4-1. On offense, CCH has “The Three Amigos.” Tucker Durrett, Andrew Mullen, and Kyle Brake are all starters on offense for the team, and all of them average at least 4 points a game. The midfielders: Jake Jones, Jordan Tobler, and Ryan O’Connell

are renowned for being the fastest in the world. Finally, the defenders: Noah Reed, Gunnar Schuh, and Mitchell Deye are led by Will Breen and hold most teams to single digits.

The Colonels are currently first in their division and are 5<sup>th</sup> in the state in goals scored. The Colonels are off to a hot start this year and have their sights set at a championship.

“It’s hard to find this much talent on a team, at any level” says CCH Lacrosse Coach, Alex Slaybaugh. “Senior attack-man, Andrew Mullen, has proven himself to be a pleasant surprise,” says the coach. “The team is out practicing every day and are always ready to work. They want every win just as much as I do.”



## BASEBALL

### VARSITY BALLERS PUTTING IN THE GAMES

Matthew Thiel

After a slow start, the Colonels beat district Holy Cross 9-4 highlighted by Jack Maile hitting 2 dinger balls (home runs). The winning pitcher was senior Ben France. Next, the Colonels took on the Ohio state-runner up Badin High School. The Colonels and the Rams ended in a 0-0 tie after 11 innings. Sophomore sensation Sean Casteel threw a no-hitter through 7 innings. There were only 5 total hits for both teams combined, in

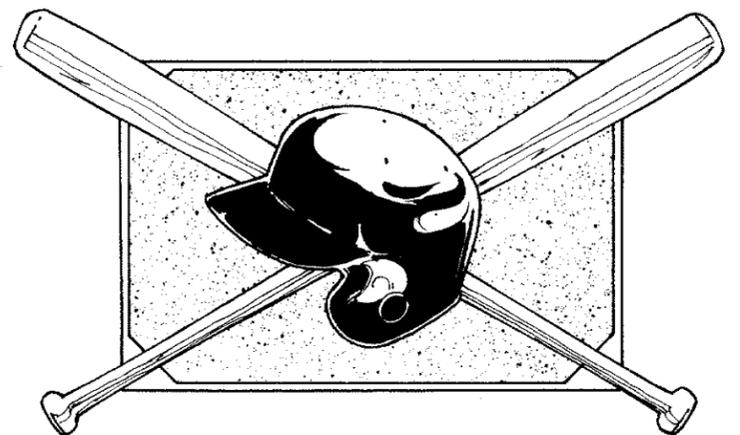
a true pitcher's duel. Cov-Cath then beat Turpin 8-7 highlighted by Ben France going 2-3 with 2 doubles.

Next, the Colonels took on Ryle and Conner in the Knochelmann Invitational. The Colonels lost to Conner in another pitcher's duel 2-1. The Colonels had multiple chances, but could not come up with the win. The Colonels' bats came alive to beat Ryle 10-5. Sophomore Jack Coldiron

had 2 doubles. Senior hot-shot Zach Michels was the winning pitcher. The Colonels took on highway rival Dixie Heights. CCH run ruled the Little Colonels 12-2. Senior Mo Thiel went 2-3 with 2 runs scored, and junior Thomas Cody went 3-4 with 3 RBI's.

Next, the Colonels play Simon Kenton at home. CCH will then play in the Doc Morris Invitational and play foes Dixie, Collins,

and Batesville. The Colonels are coming into stride as they try to achieve their goals of a state championship.



### FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Zach Michels

After winning back to back regional championships, the freshman baseball Colonels are looking to 3Peat this year. Led by Coach Mark Bogenschutz (Former State Champ), the Colonels are stacked with talent once again. All the freshmen are excited to see what they are can do this year and are determined to get back to the Regional Championship.

With the first the first game of the year the freshman were matched against Catamounts from Conner. Dominating the first game of the year the freshman out on top with a victory

of 10-3. Next they played the Indians of Holy Cross and without hesitation, they smacked the Indians 20-0. Wowza! The next opponent in the way of the Colonels were the Harrison Wildcats. They were able to defeat the Wildcats 3-1.

Led by Freshman John "Junkyard" Lawrie, the Colonels are filled with joy to keep the season going. With a schedule that involves team such as Campbell County, Highlands, and Moeller the Colonels will face a tough test. Knowing what talent that they have, the Freshman Colonels think that they'll be able to come on top and keep their win streak going.



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## JUNIOR IBL ENDS IN HARMON TEAM THIEL TAKES ALL VICTORY

**Nathan Bir**

The Jr. IBL tourney has once again come and gone with the victorious Team Harmon claiming



the win. The real action of the tournament came with Team Burke vs Team Maile ending with a Maile loss 62-

71. The 8 teams were quickly being whittled down to 4 teams. The next game between Harmon and Gebhart

was a real nail-bitter; however, team captain Harmon led the team to victory with 21 points to secure the win.

57-55 was the heartbreaking score for Team Gebhart as Harmon went into the finals.

The much hyped matchup between Team Burke and Team Harmon was finally upon us. The roar of the nearly sold out crowd was almost too much to bear as the Team Burke choked in the last 2 minutes to Evan Klein to score four points which led Team Harmon to victory. The Burke fans could only watch in horror as the Harmon fans stormed the court. The MVP went to Klein as the crowd carried him off the court and to the locker room.

**Hudson Henry**

The 2017 Senior IBL tournament was one for Covington Catholic history. Players with record high scores and unbelievable outcomes. The tournament started with 4<sup>th</sup> seed Team Berling beating 5<sup>th</sup> seed Best 50-40. Gerdes team winning streak ended in the first round with a defeat against Thiel with a score of 66-49. Dressman beat Haught 68-54, and Tenhundfeld over Team Bishop 67-61. Berling continue on to beat Tenhundfeld, while Team Thiel defeated Dressman. Then in the final championship: Berling 4<sup>th</sup>



seed against Thiel 2<sup>nd</sup> seed was a tough battle between two outstanding teams. Although Berling gave it their best, Team Thiel came out on top with a final score of 54-44. Berling's team was no match for Thiel's team legends. Matthew Thiel stated they played "elite team basketball." It was an exciting season for all and CCH looks forward to what the Junior Class can bring next year.

## TEAM PORRAS SHOWS THE SOPHOMORES STRENGTH

**Luke Lonnemann**

The sophomore IBL season was fun and hard fought. Many of the games this year were decided by just a few points, and it was no different during the end of the season tournament.

After the six regular season games, Team Porras was the #1 seed, and they were set to place Kennedy (8) in the first round. Porras ended up taking care of business with a huge win and won eighty-two to forty-eight. Coldiron had

22 and Kennedy/Hammon had fourteen. Flowers (4) and Dierig (5) faced off, and Team Dierig was able to pull



off the upset after another non-close game with a final

of eighty-five to fifty-seven. Both Reusch and Fagin had 18, while Casteel had eighteen. Morgan (3) and Huber (6) played each other next. In an extremely close game, Huber won by 2, McGinnis had a big time 30, and Foster had twenty. In the final game of the quarterfinals, Welch (2) played Schroeder

(7), and another upset took place as Schroeder won a very close game by four. Neltner finished with 18 and Coburn had eleven. It was a suspenseful first round for the sophomores.

Porras (1) and Dierig (5) played each other in the semifinals, and Porras was able to roll on and won by twenty four. Cox had 14 and Reusch had ten. Huber (6) and Schroeder (7) played in the other semifinal game. It was a shootout and a close game the entire

way, and Huber won by two. McGinnis led his team with 30, while Stallman had nineteen. Porras (1) and Huber (6) played each other in the championship game on March 19<sup>th</sup>. After a huge blowout with a final score of 80-57, Huber's Cinderella's run came to the end, and Team Porras ended up as the Sophomore IBL Champions. Coldiron had 22, and McGinnis had 30. Congratulations to Team Porras.

## FRESHMAN IBL END BRINGS GETTLEFINGER VS. BENT

**Luke Lonnemann**

The freshmen spent the IBL season trying to figure out who was good and who was bad at basketball. It was a hard fought six games for all the teams and Team Bent was the team who finished with the best record among the eight teams.

Team Bent (1) played Thelen (8) in the first round, and Bent was the team who ended up on top with a final score of sixty to forty-eight. Bent was up for the entirety of the game. Pierson finished with 15 and Collins had twelve. Gettlefinger (2) played Clark (7) and Gettlefinger ended

up winning fifty-two to forty-one. Raisbeck had 13 and Roebker had sixteen. Wagner (3) played Hamlin (6), and Wagner won by seventeen. Schroeder had 17 and Schaper had twenty one. In the final game of the first round, Schulte (4) beat Thaman (5) by ten. Sweeten finished with 16 and Smith had seventeen. It was a successful first round for the freshmen.

The next round was the semifinals, Team Bent (1) faced off against Schulte (4) and both teams played a great game. Bent

ended up winning by 3 and



Pierson had 14 and Lehman had fifteen. In the other game, Gettlefinger (2) faced Wagner (3), and Gettlefin-

ger cruised on to win by 10

and was set to face Bent in the finals. Raisbeck had 21 and Wagner had seventeen. The Freshman IBL Champi-

onship took place on March nineteenth. Gettlefinger (2) beat Bent (1) in an anticlimactic final game and won sixty-one to fifty-one. Pierson had a big 18 and Raisbeck led his team with a huge twenty-seven. The Freshman IBL Champions are the members of Team Gettlefinger. It was a fun season for all.

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