



NEHS Colonels Honor Veterans

Tyler Micek

On Veterans Day, CovCath students were blessed with the ability to celebrate the patriotic holiday by learning about the National Anthem and watching NEHS and drama class members act out important scenes of our country's vast history of bloodshed, from Abe Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the Christmas Truce of 1914.



Mrs. Ruth introduces the Veterans Event with the Chamber Choir in the background.

After the opening prayer by Mr. Snyder and an introduction to the ceremony by NEHS advisor Mrs. Ruth, the award-winning CCH Chamber Choir had a wonderful performance of the National Anthem. To further educate why our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner", was selected, senior Bo Schuh delivered a speech about Francis Scott Key and where

he was (imprisoned on a British warship) when writing the song.

In the next segment of the assembly, Nick Stegman gave a preview and summary of the crucial Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg, underclassman Sam Hacker delivered a compelling and well-rehearsed rendition of Abe Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which revitalized in Americans the all-important preservation of the United States and its ideal of being a self-governing nation. To conclude the Gettysburg portion of the assembly, NEHS Vice-President Patrick Bal-

low spoke about the significance of Lincoln's Speech in American history and how its ideals are still practiced in the United States today.

To segway from the violence of war into the potential of peace, the latter portion of the



Sam Hacker did his best Abe Lincoln impression.

assembly focused on a seemingly miraculous example of peace in one of the most deadly and devastating wars of all time: the First World War. Grant Guenther shed light on the Christmas Truce of 1914, an unofficial one-day ceasefire recognized by almost all foot soldiers on the trench-covered Western front; a reenactment of a famous radio-play depicting the spectacle was performed by drama class members (Ben Zumdick, Alex Beckes, Parker Sommerkamp, and Brett Ziegler acting as British Soldiers who were in awe over a beautiful German voice, Senior James Hummel-dorf, singing "Silent Night" from across No Man's Land.



Veterans and their families enjoy the service.

To end the assembly, the



Josh Kennedy, David Rice and Logan Fraxman serve as the Color Guard for the first time.

Colonels stood and recognized alumni and teachers who have served in war with applause and a playing of "Taps" by Wiley Carr III. Teacher and Army veteran Coach Hovan delivered a compelling speech honoring those who died in the terrorist attacks on 9/11 before handing the microphone to Counselor and Navy veteran Mr. Flesch, who had the honor of closing the ceremony with a brief, yet very sentimental statement on war.

The Veterans Day assembly served as a great reminder to the CCH students on how appreciative we must be of the millions of lives risked and sacrificed to preserve our freedom.

Out-Canned By Pandas But Families Have Hearty Holidays



Noah Galvin cannot keep up with all these cans.

Jack Schrage

The Canned Food Drive vs NDA was, to say the least, a success. The Colonels and the Pandas competed to see who could come "out-can" the other. The friendly wager between the two schools was the loser had to serve/bus tables one day of the winner's choice.

In order to prevent losing, seniors Noah Galvin, Jack Schrage, and Patrick Hennies went to Krogers and bought over 600 cans of vegetables and other different items. They believed that those cans would ensure the victory for the Colonels. Unfortunately, the Colonels were out-canned by the Pandas. The Colonels raised about 6,000 cans, which is the highest number of cans of all time, while the Pandas raised over 15,000.

They got us this year, but it is all for a good cause. Overall, the Pandas and the Colonels teamed up to make sure that people who had not planned to eat for Thanksgiving had food and a happy Thanksgiving, and that is all that really matters. Great job, Pandas and Colonels!

Interstellar Offers Adventure

Austin Hussey

This PG-13, action/mystery movie was released November 5, 2014 and is still in movie theatres. “You walk out of the movie theatre completely mind blown” senior Jack Schrage stated as he walked out of the movie “completely mind blown.” This great and scientific adventure takes you on a ride through your brain, logic, and the universe. With movie stars Matthew McConaughey, and Anne Hathaway, they get you to really think outside the box.

This adventure starts with the world, Earth, having a short supply of food and Matthew McConaughey living with his family

on a farm. One day Matthew and his daughter discover NASA’s secret base and he is recruited to go on a space adventure to save mankind by finding a new home planet. Matthew’s daughter who was also a genius tried working on a plan on Earth while her father was in another galaxy searching for a planet capable of living on. The numbing silence of some moments in the movie will drive your suspense insane.

The movie was all around an amazing movie that I want to go see again. The adventure is exciting, sad, and happy all on an up and down ride. Go find out what happens by seeing *Interstellar* in theatres and have your “mind blown.”





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Christmas Joy!



Photo by David Dinn

Noah Helbling

Each year, the Covington Catholic chamber choir, chorus, and band perform a Christmas concert for students and community. This year, on December 7, the chamber choir, chorus, and band performed for the students. Many students look forward to the annual Christmas concert because it not only gets them out of class, but they are able to hear the wonderful, Covington Catholic Chamber Choir.

The chamber choir is what the students and Covington Catholic community look forward to most. The chamber choir is quite impressive and is recognized around the tri-state, having won the Q102 Christmas contest that gives \$5,000 to the winner. The chamber choir continued to impress this year, singing songs like *Hark the Herald Angel Sing*, the song submitted for the Q102, *Mary Did You Know?*, and *Joseph’s Song*, composed by Covington Catholic’s own Jim Wolfe.

The band and chorus preceded the chamber choir and did an excellent job as well. The band played songs such as *The Grinch* and *Baby It’s Cold Outside*. Mr. Cerimele has done an outstanding job with the band over the past several years and has made it sound better than ever.

The chorus has also improved in just the past couple of years. The chorus did a wonderful job with such songs as *The Grinch*, with sophomore Joe Gray having a short solo, followed by senior Bo Schuh wrapping up the song with a solo of his own.

This year’s Christmas concert did not fail to impress the audiences. Many of the students and faculty were impressed by how well the chamber choir, chorus, and band performed. The Christmas concert is something that students and faculty look forward to each year because of the many fantastic songs sung and played and this year, like all others, did not disappoint.

Chamber Choir Brings Home the Money and Accolades for CCH

Staff

On December 12th, radio station Q102 awarded our own Chamber Choir 1st Place in their annual Christmas Choir Competition for the third year in a row. Radio hosts Jeff and Jenn came to the school to present the \$5000 check to the Chamber Choir, along with Director Jim Wolfe. “With only four members returning from last year, I wasn’t sure of what the outcome would be. I had 14 new members join the choir, and I couldn’t be prouder of this group as a whole. They worked so hard to produce such a high quality piece,” said Mr. Wolfe.

The choir entered with the song *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*. Judges selected the choir as one of the nine semifinalists, and then it was up to the CCH family to vote, vote, vote. And vote they did, pushing the choir into the finals. These three choirs were then judged by the radio station’s own judges. The rest is history. We are so proud of this group’s great accomplishments and Mr. Wolfe’s hard work.

Photo by J. Abdrabbo



Jeff and Jenn from Q102 present the check to the Chamber Choir and Mr. Wolfe.

12 Angry Men Prove They Can Act!!

Josh Kennedy

Every semester, for drama class's exam, the students must perform in a play. They use all the skills and tricks they have learned over the semester, to act and perform. This semester, part of the students performed the play *12 Angry Men*.

Characters included Adrian Neff as the Foreman, Austin Hussey as Juror Number 2, Andrew Beiersdorfer as Juror Number 3, Anthony



Austin Hussey (#2) and Jacob Kennedy (#9) try to hold back Andrew Beiersdorfer (#3) from Aaron Buckley (#8).

Spiritoso as Juror Number 4, Parker Sommerkamp as Juror Number 5, Brett Ziegler as Juror Number 6, Bowen Dressman as Juror Number 7, Buckley as Juror Number 8, Jacob Kennedy as Juror Number 9, Max Schaefer as Juror Number 10, James Wilson as Juror Number 11, Robbie Newman as Juror Number 12, and Brian Haughey as the Guard.

The play was fantastic. The acting was great, as all of the actors homed in their skills to put on a great performance. Highlights from the play include Andrew Beiersdorfer almost stabbing Aaron Buckley, as well as Brian Haughey's tear jerking role as the guard.

12 Angry Men is about a murder, and the jury of the court has to decide

whether or not a young boy is guilty of murder. As the play continues, things heat up between the jurors. Each juror gives his argument and states his opinion.

Aaron Buckley and Andrew Beiersdorfer got in some intense arguments. Aaron (Juror Number 8) believed that the boy was innocent, while Beiersdorfer (Juror Number 3) thought he was guilty. Eventu-

ally, Beiersdorfer gives in, and all the jurors agreed that the kid was innocent.

"I wasn't sure if the boys were going to pull it off, but they were nearly flawless. I was really impressed with their acting ability," said Mrs. Ruth about her drama students.



Photo by Diane Ruth

Colonels Expand Their Accents in *The Hasty Heart*

Bo Schuh

The Drama Class, under the guidance of Mrs. Ruth, recently performed their annual plays, with two different plays being featured this year. On December 11th, 2014, the drama class performed an act of *Twelve Angry Men*, starring Aaron Buckley, Andrew Beiersdorfer, and Anthony Spiritoso. One week later, on the 18th, the class performed *The Hasty Heart*, starring Ben Zumtick, Adrian Neff, and Cullen Lewis.

The Hasty Heart is a story of how a Scottish soldier who will die in six weeks but is unaware of this joins the ward of other injured soldiers who aim to make his last few weeks enjoyable. Cullen Lew-

is played the protagonist Lachlen McLachlen, the ill Scottish soldier, who eventually falls in love with the lovely caretaker of the ward, Margaret, brought to life by Adrian Neff. Ben Zumtick played a very convincing role as the stuttering Yank, who becomes Lachie's companion in the play and consoles him the best. Brain Haughey, who played Blossom, an African who did not speak English, and Robert Lilly, who played Tommy, gave comic relief at every turn during the play, always bringing forth the smiles and laughs of the audience whenever a line was said or action was done.



Cullen Lewis is a natural Scot.



Brian Haughey gives us an African chant.

NDA actress who would play the role of Margaret at the last minute, nothing could keep these budding actors from putting on their best. "I was surprised that these boys did so well. Adrian didn't let this slow him down--acting and reading the part of Margaret. They all had to take on an accent, and I was impressed by that," said Mrs. Ruth about the boys.

The actors in this second play had an extra week for rehearsal since they did the full production. Even with setbacks, like losing our



Photos by Robert Lilly

Basketball Video Game is a Must Have

Daniel Lee

NBA 2K15 is a basketball video game published by 2K Sports and designed by Visual Concepts. Released on October 7, 2014, this is the second game in the 2K series for the next generation consoles. With reigning MVP Kevin Durant on the cover and the bright red background, the presentation of the game is attention grabbing.

Specifically made for Xbox One and Playstation 4, the features of the NBA players are life-like. Using 3-D mapping for players, developers were able to use a 3D model of the players face and add an insane amount of detail to the game. Developers also invited the NBA players to a recording studio to record their voices for in-game interaction between your "My Player" and other notable NBA players.

This game was meant for next generation consoles such as the Xbox one and the Playstation 4. Having the game on current generation consoles is still great graphics, but you will not get all the features and details as you would on next generation consoles.



Storyteller Keeps Colonels on Edge

Bo Schuh

On November 3rd, 2014, Diane Macklin, a professional storyteller from the Cincinnati Arts Organization, visited Covington Catholic to tell stories to the drama class, as well as other English classes throughout the grade levels. She was a lively lady, being very energetic and animated, the perfect attributes for a good storyteller.

The main purpose of a storyteller is to capture the audience's attention, hold it, and entertain them while teaching them a lesson or theme from the story. Well, Ms. Macklin was outstanding in this regard. From her voice inflection, to her lively hand gestures, to her audience involvement, she was

always keeping us on the edge of our seats with our eyes wide, our ears open, and smiles and laughs upon our lips.

Ms. Macklin's first story was about how her mother told her she could not use her night-light anymore once she went to bed, which her older brother used as a ploy to scare her. Eventually, after many scares, her mother took her to her own bed and they slept there, and she then felt safe. Her main purpose of the story was to convey that not only can certain things be a light for us, but our elders and our loved



ones can be our light and help us live courageously and with bravery.

Her second story followed a very elderly woman named Opl, which stood for old preacher lady. This woman would engage everyone in the town, speaking of what was right and wrong, and generally people listened to her. One day, she caught a rebellious

young boy – Peter – stealing cigarettes from the corner store. After catching him, she told Peter's mom, and Peter was to work at Opl's house, doing whatever she wanted. To fight this, Peter challenged Opl to three riddles; if she could solve all three, he would come to her house and do anything she asked. If not, then he would not come to her home. After successfully foiling all three of his riddles, the boy realizes her great wisdom, and goes to her home, cleans, and listens to her speak. The moral of this particular story is that

our elders are wiser than we believe, and even though we young adults may think we have all the answers, we must keep our elders close as a rock to our wisdom and knowledge due to their own knowledge and wisdom.

Ms. Macklin was fantastic. She was able to weave Jewish, African, and American stories and traditions together in order to preach values and virtues we all must possess to a wide variety of people. Not only this, but she was able to keep us, the audience, engaged and entertained throughout the whole time, making us laugh and sit on the edge of our seats for the whole performance; truly a woman who has mastered her craft.

Artist Logic Raps to a Tune of a Different Beat

Trevor Bowman

On October 21, 2014, an unknown hip hop artist's life would change forever. Logic who is an up and coming artist released his first album on that day. He has had many mixtapes which he has released to the public. These mixtapes were a hit with many of the avid rap listeners, but his album exploded more than anyone thought it would. In the first week of its release it reached the number 2 hip hop album on iTunes and the number 4 album on the Billboard's Top 25.

Now Logic is not



your typical hip hop artist rapping about women, drugs, and gangs. He raps about his ability to stay away from that life, the interests of his life, and his current life. This album is titled *Under Pressure*, which is also a name of one of the songs on the album. Logic created this name for the album because in his life he feels that he is under pressure

with his career and with his social life. So his real life as Sir Robert Bryson Hall II and his stage life as Logic are both under pressure. Many of the songs on the album have meanings that people do not get after the first time listening but after multiple listens over time, but this is not a problem because the beats in each songs is unique to the words so they are easy to listen to over and over again. For example, in the song "Gang Related" Logic rhymes about his life growing up from his point-of-view in the first verse, but in the second verse he rhymes

from his older brother's point-of-view. Another example of this is in the song "Nikki" which is about his addiction to nicotine, but Logic throughout the song makes it sound like he is rapping about a bad breakup with a girl called Nikki. In the hook of the song we are revealed that Nikki is actually nicotine. Logic with the release of this song and album also pledged to quit smoking cigarettes because of the harm it has caused him in his life.

There are many more songs I could go into depth about the meanings

but I would like you to go find some of them out on your own. Some of the critics that have listened to the album have compared it to *good kid, m.A.A.d city*, which is a very successful album that came out in 2012 by rap artist Kendrick Lamar. Also they have compared it to one of Logic's role models, Kanye West's work of *Graduation*. So I highly advise you to go out and purchase or just listen to Logic's album *Under Pressure* as soon as you can.

Pop Band Rixton Releases New Album

Josh Kennedy

Music Review: Rixton's two singles from their new album, *Let the Road*

Rixton, an up and coming pop band from Manchester, England, began seeing the spotlight in early 2013 when music manager Scooter Braun signed Rixton to Interscope records.

The band was formed when lead singer Jake Roche decided to drop out of school to pursue his



music. Jake teamed up with bassist/keyboardist Danny Wilkin, and the two began to perform gigs at small pubs. Three years later, they would recruit Charley Bagnall to play lead guitar, and eventually Lewi Morgan on the drums.

The newly formed band began to write their own originals, however the real fame began when they posted covers of songs by

artists like Usher, Chris Brown, and R. Kelly on Youtube. Rixton caught the eyes of music manger Scooter Braun, with these covers, including the band's own take on the song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Braun loved the work of Rixton, and led them to producer Benny Blanco, who agreed to produce the band's debut album, *Let the Road*.

Rixton has released two singles from their new album, which include "Me and my Broken Heart" and "Wait on Me." Both songs feature an upbeat melody,

which I can see them being songs you can easily dance to.

"Me and my Broken Heart" is about a man who is looking for love in his life, but isn't having any luck. "Wait on me" is almost the opposite, and is about someone who is trying to convince someone to fall in love with them.

Jake is a very talented vocalist, and the same goes for his lyrical writing. Both songs are just fun to listen to, and really lighten your mood. The band heavily reminds me of Maroon

5, which is no coincidence considering producer Benny Blanco has worked with them in the past.

Their new album, *Let the Road*, will be released on January 6, 2015. I recommend giving this band a listen if you are a fan of pop music.

Memorial Mass-- a Tradition

Andrew Whitehead

On November 4th, the CCH student body, faculty, and the families of the deceased, gather in the gym to celebrate, and remember the lives of the lost CCH community.



The mass began with a prayer, in honor of the deceased, followed by a member of each every family putting a rose, symbolizing the life of each of the lost alumni into a vase to honor their memory. As the mass proceeded, Father Matt Cushing devoted his entire homily to the families and the deceased, describing how to enjoy and rejoice their lives, instead of mourning the loss. The mass concluded with Mr. Rowe offering his condolences to the families and inviting them to the cafeteria for coffee and donuts.

This mass is one of the most respectable traditions here at CCH, and I hope it will continue to be a tradition for years to come.

Open House Shows Off CCH

Jack Schrage

Open House is one of many excellent ways that we promote our school. This year we had a great amount of sophomores, juniors, and seniors that volunteered their time to give tours or sit at a booth for each club or sport. Each and every one of the tour guides were dedicated and committed to make sure that each parent/student that walked out of Covington Catholic that day, was more informed and more inter-

ested in CCH. In order for that to be possible, Mr. Rowe held meetings in the morning to make sure everyone was educated with the most up to date information and understood the correct route to walk with the parent and student visiting.

After each tour was given, the students were met by members of the boosters, where they were directed to the gymnasium to be given their Cov Cath water bottle and given the time to check out the different sports and clubs CCH has to offer. Each club/sport will have a couple representatives to give some basic details and information on the particular club/sport. Hopefully, after the tour and gymnasium visit, the student/parent will be completely interested in Covington Catholic and hopefully be attending next year.



Another Perfect Score at CCH

Ben Kindt



Over the past three years at Covington Catholic three students have scored a perfect score on the ACT. Tanner Fangman who is a sophomore at Texas A&M, Adrian Neff a current senior and Logan Boyle a current junior.

Logan Boyle's ACT score is even regarded as more superior since he is only a junior. He has taken the test three times and has scored a 33,35, and 36. Getting a perfect ACT score almost guarantees a full ride to any college you wish as long as your gpa is good as well.

Among the students with perfect ACT scores Tanner Fangman is at Texas A&M, Adrian Neff plans on attending Harvard or Yale studying to be a brain surgeon, and Logan Boyle plans to attend UK for engineering.

Macbeth Comes to CCH

Trevor Bowman

The seniors on November 6th made the long walk to the Griffin Center to see *Macbeth*.



This play was performed by the traveling Shakespeare Company based out of Cincinnati. This company has come to our school before; multiple times this year for other grade levels. The plays performance was marvelous with the actors playing many different roles. They were also their own staff and crew moving the sets and getting their own costumes together. The play followed the plot of the story to the tee. The actors were great at taking on the characters actions as I imagined it when I was reading my play. Andrew Whitehead a senior at Cov Cath stated, "The play was inspirational, it made me feel like I was really at the Globe Theater seeing a Shakespeare play.

They also have to do something that I do not know many people could, and that is have multiple plays memorized in their heads at once. After the play was over the actors told us that they sometimes had up to 5 to 6 plays memorized at once and working to memorize others. This company will continue to come back to our school because of the great job they do.

Burrito Bar Scores Big Points with Colonels

Drew DeMarsh

A Covington Catholic student is always three things: educated, considerate, and hungry. There is only one thing a Colonel loves more than a state championship, and that is a burrito.

Mr. Rowe goes all out to promote the Burrito Bar.

The students have recently been introduced to a new meal plan which is executed to culinary perfection by the lovely lunch ladies in the cafeteria.

Their goal is to feed the hungry mouths of more than 500 students, and it is not easy to please all of them, but they do a great job. Now, along with the normally scheduled lunch for that day, there is also a burrito bar where students build their own burritos with ingredients that include all the necessities: chicken, steak, queso cheese, salsa, peppers, shredded cheese, and more.

The food is not only delicious, but the idea of complete customization is almost too hard to pass up. It is a struggle for students to only buy one of the lunches, because the other lunch looks just as delicious. Everyone appreciates the hard work the women in the cafeteria put into daily feeding the hungry hoard of teenage boys.

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Go Colonels and good Luck to the class of 2015!!

Unique Opportunity Offered to Colonels

Bo Schuh

On November 10th, 2014, a speaker from Rotary came to Covington Catholic to talk to the junior and senior classes about going abroad to study and to learn the cultures of the European country they choose. This opportunity was sponsored by Covington Catholic graduate and philanthropist, Mr. Zembrodt, a successful chemical engineer who invented Glade Air Fresheners.

The first option presented by the Rotary Company is a 30 day stay in a foreign country, staying with a family native to the country. This option is presented more as a cultural experience than a study-abroad opportunity, where the student spends 30 days living the life of his family, being able to experience the culture, the food, and must bring his own money to spend as freely as he would like. Once the 30 days is over, the student will fly back home, but the foreign student that he stayed with now accompanies him back to his home, treating it just the same as the student from

Kentucky treated his trip to Europe.

The second option offered is a ten month stay in a foreign country, but this time the student will attend school in the country and become even more engrossed in the culture and language. A benefit of this choice is that the student is given a certain amount of spending money, and his insurance is paid for as long as he complies with the rules of the Rotary Company. This option is very unique, as it is very seldom that a high school student can find an opportunity such as this to emerge himself into a foreign language and culture so deeply.

The age stipulation is that you may not be older than eighteen and a half years of age once you apply or leave for the trip. The three rules the student must apply to are no sex, no alcohol, and no drugs. If you are able to meet all of these requirements and rules, then you are in for an experience of a lifetime. If any Colonel is interested in this opportunity, please contact Rotary directly, or simply see Mr. Mott to get in touch with Rotary.



20th Anniversary for Gallenstein Scholarship

Robert Fields

The Jon Gallenstein Scholarship is for senior artists who are the best in their class and in most cases move on to pursue a career in art. Jon Gallenstein was a former Colonel who died in a tragic accident in 1993 his junior year. Mr. Haders said, "He was just an overall great kid, loved by everyone and an absolutely amazing artist." The scholarship was instituted a year after his tragic passing and has been awarded every year since. This year marks the 20th anniversary for the scholarship, and it does not look like they will stop awarding it anytime soon.

The scholarship is awarded to three artists and to enter the contest you must submit 5 art pieces, which is judged by Mr. Haders and

the Gallenstein family, along with a variety of former Colonels. The scholarship goes toward paying for the winning senior's tuition. This year's winners were Ryan Arlinghaus, CJ Voorhees, and Steven Farris. These boys put in the work necessary to surpass all other students in the competition. Their hard work and dedication paid off, and now they can relax and focus on ending out the school year in a big way.

A special award was given to a senior who shows diligence and excellence in art. This was Kurt Stegman who was awarded \$1000 commission with Team EPS. Kurt will create a piece of art for the company.

All of the recipients and participants enjoyed a hearty dinner at the Golden Corral as reward.

Academic Accolades to the Top Students

Paul Huber

The Academic Awards Assembly is a great tradition. All of the students and faculty members come together to recognize the hard work and effort the honor roll students at the school put forth.

The assembly started with Mr. Rowe giving an introduction, recognizing all the students and parents that were there. Then he handed the podium to CovCath

alumni Alex Frommeyer, who is an entrepreneur. He talked to the students about what it means to be a Colonel and how well CovCath will prepare you for the future.

Senior Cooper Theobald has been recognized during this assembly for three years. "The academic awards assembly is a great event that the school puts together. I'm honored to have the privilege of being recognized in front of my fellow classmates and faculty for my academic achievements. Mr. Rowe holds all of his students to a high standard and the ceremony should make every student want to strive for better academic achievement. I also can't complain about the continental breakfast afterwards."

There were 28 sophomores who received an award: Andrew Alcorn, Anthony Best, Benjamin Boydston, Mark Briede, Blake Cecil,

John Ciaramitaro, Aidan Donaghy, Jacob Dressman, Michael Finke, Ben France, Logan Franxman, Ben Gerdes, Jared Haught, Tony Hentz, Jeffery Huston, Andrew Jacob, Alexander Jordahl, Adam Listerman, Luke Lonnemann, Marcus Maier, Joshua Newman, Joe Niehaus, Jaret Schreiber, Logan Schulte, Nick Smith, Adam Stegman, and Hunter Ziegelmeier.

There were 32 juniors who received an award: David Armstrong, Peter Ward, Coire Ayres, Jared Becraft, Logan Boyle, Ben Darpel, Andrew Eppelen, Chris Fagan, Andrew Wood, Adam Flynn, Austin Flynn, Mark Gebhart, Sam Hacker, Will Heppler, Daniel Kleier, Mitch MacKnight, Ryan Massie, Brendan Meyer, Nathan Montelisciani, Cameron Pitzer, David Rice, Sam Romes, Matthew Rose, Peter Schaefer, Benjamin Schoborg, Nicholas Stegman, Nathan Sucher, Coleman Sweeny, Lucas Timmerman, Adam Wessels, Jacob Wessels, and David Wood.

There were 23 seniors who received an award: Ryan Arlinghaus, Patrick Ballow, Alex Beckes, Tony Bessler, Jake Brueggeman, Wiley Carr, Grant Guenther, Chris Holthaus, Parker Kenney, Joe Marino, Walt Menke, Adrian Neff, Miso Rokvic, Grant Romes, Jacob Roth, Adam Ruwe, Mark Ryan, Ben Schmidt, Bo Schuh, Erik Schutzman, Kurt Stegman, Caleb Summe, and Cooper Theobald.

Congratulations to all the recipients.



CCH Graduate Alex Frommeyer inspires the crowd.



Mr. Haders talks with the scholarship winners after the presentation.

Visitors from University of Louisville

Noah Helbling

On December 1, Covington Catholic received a special guest speaker: Dr. James R. Ramsey, President of the University of Louisville. Dr. Ramsey was invited to speak to the entire junior class and seniors that wanted to attend.

Dr. Ramsey has been employed in administrative positions by several prestigious universities, including the University of Kentucky, Loyola University, Western Kentucky, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Ramsey spoke for a short time but made the most of it. He said, "You have lots of important things to think about. You decide your future." Dr. Ramsey made his message clear that as juniors and seniors, students are forced to make many large scale decisions, and that ultimately their success is impacted and determined by those decisions.

Next, Dr. Ramsey intro-

duced Joey Schmidt, a 2012 gradu-



ate of Covington Catholic. Joey was able to connect with the juniors and seniors better than Dr. Ramsey, due to being a student at Louisville. Joey gave the students his view of the university and how much his decision to attend Louisville has affected his current situation. Joey explained to the students that they should make a college decision based on what it is that they are interested in doing, not based on where their friends are going. Joey made the decision to go to Louisville to be an art major, but changed his major four times before returning to the major he had first

chosen. He described college life as fun in the city of Louisville, never being bored or not having anything to do, even on campus. He went on to say how unique the university itself is, including the best professors of any university in the state, a brand new, state of the art student activities center, and having "Grade A" athletic teams. Joey was very convincing in his pitch to the students about why Louisville is such a great university and a place where students can feel at home.

Jenny Sawyer, Admissions Director at the University of Louisville was brought out to speak last. Mrs. Sawyer is a graduate of Louisville and longtime employee of the university. She spoke to the students about the application process and what is required of them in terms of becoming a student at the university. Mrs. Sawyer said that college is an investment, and that no

student should worry about finances when it comes to making the decision of where they should continue their education. She really grabbed the attention of the students when she said that as the Admissions Director at Louisville, she, along with Dr. Ramsey are extremely proud of the success that Covington Catholic graduates have had at the university.

Dr. Ramsey, Mrs. Sawyer, and Joey all did a great with giving students an idea of what to expect in the next few years, whether they choose to continue their education at Louisville or not. They made it clear to everyone that the college decision is the most important decision that most of them will make, and that they should be wise and weigh their options, but the three also made it clear that they hoped that the University of Louisville was fit for the students and that the students would all be welcomed if they made the decision to become a Cardinal.

Baby Osterhaus Enters the Colonel Family

Staff

Another baby entered into the Covington Catholic family on November 25 at 8:57pm. Mrs. Maureen Osterhaus had her first child, Ava Rose. Ava weighed in at 9 lbs. 5 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. After a short stay in the hospital because of some blood infection, Ava was able to go home. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Osterhaus on their first child.



Nutcracker Brings Festive Fun

Staff

On the weekend of December 6th and 7th, the NDA-CCH actors put on a festive show in Harper K. Lee's adaptation of *The Nutcracker*.

It was a show for the children, but the students put on one entertaining show. Some of the more memorable moments included one really big cockroach that made its way across the stage, talking Christmas trees and stockings, Michael Pikar as a soldier battling a really big rat, Nathan Urban and Max Schaefer as intimidating mobsters, and Noah Birrer as a ham. What else could you want in a play?



Michael Pikar is slain by the Rat King in the imaginary world of his daughters.



Who wouldn't be just a bit afraid of these life size vermin?

Cafeteria Worker Mourned After Battle with Cancer



Cafeteria worker Rita Dreyer passed away on December 2, 2014 after her battle with cancer. Ms. Dreyer was the Food Services Director for our Diocesan Schools for about 40 years before she retired. She worked for CCH part-time from 2012 until the spring of 2014 when she was diagnosed with cancer. She loved working here with the students. She fought the battle with the disease for about 6 months, hoping to beat it and return to serve "her boys." Our prayers are with her family.

Ski Club Members Get Psyched for the Upcoming Season

Grant Guenther

As winter comes around the corner most Colonels are excited about things like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, but some are excited about something else-- the skiing season. Skiing is a very "addicting" sport if you will. Anybody who skies gets an automatic rush from flying down a hill on a snowboard or skies at over 40 miles per hour. It is just a unique experience that any guy would want to try. Thankfully, Cov Cath has a club dedicated to skiing for all those who wish to be daring and like being cold. This club is led by the expert skier Mrs. Stengle, who does



Antonio Spiritoso and Tyler Micek show off the new Ski Club sweatshirt.

a fantastic job organizing. The first meeting for this club was back in September, and now the club is well on their way with nearly 80 members who have gotten discounted ski passes to their destination of

Perfect North Slopes.

The Ski Club's first task was to elect its leaders. The winning officers were Tyler Micek as president, Antonio Spiritoso as vice president, and Jared Flood as Secretary. The Ski Club has some cool sweatshirts to show off their fun club as well. Members will start traveling up to Perfect North on Wednesdays starting in February where they will stay and ride the slopes for a few hours. The main task of the Ski Club is to have fun, but they also do some great service work like Special Olympics Skiing

where they teach the disabled how to ski. Perfect North is, although not an ideal location because of its "beginner" slopes, it is great because it is still a good place to ski and fairly close.

If you are interested in the club, talk to either Tyler or Mrs. Stengle for more information on joining. They are still taking new members but will not be able to get them a discounted price to Perfect North. The members enjoy their Wednesday trips by going to the slopes to shred it. I hope the ski season goes as well as it sounds with all the snow that is supposed to come; it will make this year a great ski season for our club. Go Colonels!

Colonels Make First Appearance in Robotics Competition

Ben Zumdick

The Robotics/Engineering Club is a new club that was started this year led by moderator Mr. Bob Lind and also led by assistants Mr. Hartman, Mr. Lubbers, Mr. Gastenveld, Mr. Batshoun, and Mr. VanDyke. They meet Saturday mornings and Wednesday mornings. They brainstorm and sketch ideas and for more information or if you want to join the club see Mr. Lind at school.

The Robotics Club members participated in their first ever competition in Decem-



Team House Cats pose for a group shot at the competition.

ber and held their own against their opponents. The team who consists of students from every grade placed 27 out of 76 teams and went 4-2 in their head to

head match ups. In their last match the Colonels literally fell one inch short of victory. The win would have bumped their overall finish up to 15th place.

The team did not leave empty-handed though. They walked away with the judges' award, an award the judges give out to a team they want to individually recognize from the rest. Robotics Club modera-

tor Bob Lind explained that the judges were very impressed with the boys' knowledge and enthusiasm, that they even sent two more sets of judges to visit the team.

Senior Caleb Summe says he had a lot more fun than expected at the event. "There's so much more to the competition than I thought. You have to scout opponents, create game plans, and even make alliances with other teams." Caleb and the team are looking forward to improving in their next competition.

Service is in Full Swing

Jake Brueggeman

The Colonels have done a great job this year maintaining the school's tradition of generous service to others. People in the community are in dire need of service, and our students do a fantastic job representing Covington Catholic through their selfless service. We have worked on a wide variety of service projects that have benefitted a plethora of people in need.

A key project the Colonel students do is the tutoring program in which mentors go to local grade schools and help kids in need academically. Our students serve as role models to these usually less fortunate children and are friends with the kids by the end of the program, after spending so many weeks together. More volunteers are always needed to help the cause and support the community.

Other opportunities include Steinford's Toys in which students

are needed to help pack and deliver toys for less fortunate children. Saint Agnes needs volunteers to assist seventh and eighth graders with their science fair research papers. Special Olympics Basketball will need referees and score keepers, so be sure to look out for signups. Mr. Zerhusen provides service opportunities constantly so make sure to support the community and perform some good acts today!



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KYA Travels to Louisville

Jake Brueggeman

The Kentucky Youth Assembly is a three day trip to the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. Students from various schools propose



Sommers, Schumacher, and VanDusen present their bill.

bills of law to simulate the state and federal legislature systems. Each school's team has four bill authors who propose and defend their bill. The Colonel KYA team proposed the bill that pets must be restrained within a moving vehicle.

With this idea the Covington Catholic team headed to Lou-

isville with victory as their chief goal. Fellow participants from other schools are the judges for the event. The four bill authors consisting of Coleman Sweeney, Kevin Sommers, Christian VanDusen, and

Nate Schumacher presented their ideas and rebuked any arguments. Despite their efforts, the student judges were not too keen on the idea of the bill. The first session of judging is a preliminary ranking where no teams are cut. The second session is when the student judges decide what bills advance into the following rounds.

Sadly, the Colonel KYA team's bill did not make it through the voting. Their idea was worthy of advancing, some felt snubbed by the results. It is a shame their bill was not received well, but the Colonels who went still had a unique experience upon which they will look to build.

Culture Club Samples a Taste of Mexican and Iranian

Tyler Micek

On the first night of Thanksgiving Break, November 22, the CovCath Culture Club traveled to the Gaslight District of Clifton for a night of culture and fun. The night started with a meal at Cactus Pear, a delightfully authentic Mexican restaurant. Members especially enjoyed the homemade tamales and sampling some super spicy habanero sauces.

After their bellies were crammed with as much spicy food and soda they could hold, the club got back into their cars and took a short drive to The Esquire Theatre to watch *Rosewater*, a true story that chronicles the life and actions of Newsweek Journalist Maziar Bahari that cause him to be captured and imprisoned by the Islamic State (ISIS) in Iran for suspected acts of espionage. Bahari shows steadfast strength and optimism throughout the painfully real-

istic (and at some points) and painfully melodramatic film.

Overall, the entire Culture Club would agree that all the antics of the night were a terribly fun time. From the good vibes and great eats



Mrs. Mitchell entertains the group while Mrs. Ruth gets a photo at the Cactus Pear.

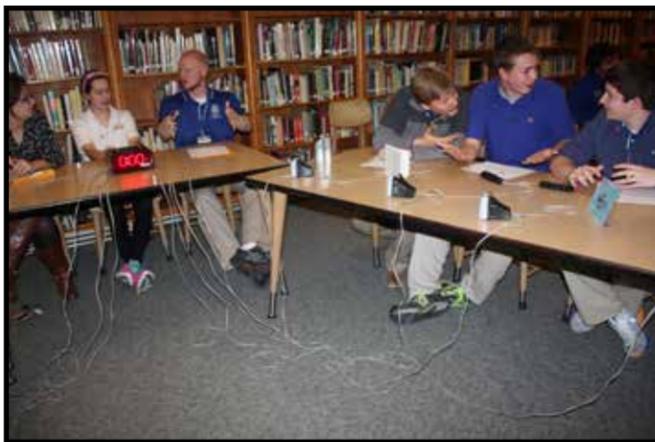
at Cactus Pear to watching the evocative film *Rosewater*, the members of the Culture Club had a great time. The fun will undoubtedly continue into the month of December, where the Culture Club plans on starting a themed Secret Santa gift exchange with each person's presents coming from a different country.

Academic Team Trudges to End

Grant Guenther

In the past years, the Academic Team has been good, but the last couple years have been difficult for our squad. With juniors Mitch MacKnight and Logan Boyle, the CCH Academic Team looks stronger than the past couple years and could make some noise.

Although young, this team is ready to learn and do well in their matches. The coach of the Academic Team this year was named to Mr. Thaman after Mr. Balskus resigned because "he was winning too much; it wasn't even fun anymore." The captain of the team has been named to Logan Boyle, and their season is far underway.



Mr. Thaman seems to be giving the NDA side strategy.

in late September and will end in mid-January making it a long and grueling season. This year in the "Northern Kentucky Academic League" CCH is in the small school division where they are in 3rd place behind Highlands, and Notre Dame. Cov Cath beat Highlands the first match of the season, 26-20, but

went through a rough stretch mid-season where they lost 3 in a row, hence the 6-3 record.

The remaining matches are against New Cath (again) and Dixie. After that, the Colonels will take place in the Governor's Cup where they often have great success, and this year looks no different. Good Luck to the Academic Team the rest of the season. Hopefully the long hours of preparing for the matches will pay off, because these academic warriors deserve it.

Spring Grove Brings Inspiration

Paul Huber

The Photo Club made another outing in early November to Spring Grove Cemetery in St. Bernard, OH, about a half hour drive. They left right after school on a Friday at 3 p.m. Fifteen students made the trip to the beautiful place.

The next outing will be to the Cincinnati Museum Center, in December. Photo Club leader Mrs. Ruth is looking forward to the annual photo club competition in the spring. "It's a big group this year." Mrs. Ruth said. "There are like 25 guys. It's the best group I've had in a while, and some of them are very talented." This year is shaping up to be very competitive for the top prize in the competition.



Sam Romes shows his talents at Spring Grove Cemetery.

NEHS Keeps Busy at Christmas Season



Sam Romes, Jake Wessels, and Nathan Sucher work together with their gift-wrapping skills.



Mrs. Ruth, her family, and some NEHS members share some Christmas carols with the Madonna Manor Residents.

Staff

The month of December does not bring leisure time for the NEHS at Covington Catholic. The boys always look forward to gift wrapping every year. This was the first year for the members to work with Joseph Beth at

Crestview Mall in early December. Members one who stopped by the table. Some members even picked up some tips on gift-wrapping from Mrs. Ruth.

Also, during this Christmas season, the members gathered after school on Monday before exams to share their musical talents with the residents of Madonna Manor. The members visit with the residents on a monthly basis normally. There was even a duet from Lucas Foertsch and little Maxx Ruth.

Look for another Pancake Breakfast in January from these hard workers.

Culture Club Has Secret Santa



Kurt Stegman enjoys the festivities.

Robert Lilly

This year the Culture Club is going strong under the leadership of Chris Holthaus and Mrs. Ruth.

December is such a busy time of the year that the group decided to do a secret Santa gift exchange, but with a twist. The members who attended drew names beforehand with each person also selecting a country. For the person's name that the member drew, he had to purchase a gift representing that particular country as well as bring a snack for the party. Some of the countries represented included Egypt, Belgium, Mexico, Germany, and Ireland. The group also watched "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas. It was an interesting look back in time.

Upcoming outings for the group include seeing the movie Selma and Jungle Jim's and Findlay Market. Come out and join us.

Drug Free Club Sponsors a Ping Pong Tournament Before Christmas Break



Cullen Lewis shows his unusual hand positions that were the secret to his victory.

Mr. Rick Flesch

Thanks to all the Drug Free Club members who closed out the first semester exam period on December 22nd with participation in the Ping Pong Tournament.

There were no losers, as each of the 16 members received a gift card to Skyline Chili just for playing. Of course, some fantastic big cookies helped to fuel the players that evening. The Haught brothers both advanced to the semi-finals, only to fall after well played, tough matches. Mr. Thaman was quite the combatant, advancing to the finals, but he too fell to the ultimate champion, senior Cullen Lewis.



One Haught brother is plenty but two showed up to play the tourney.



Mr. Thaman brought his best game to the table.

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Fischer Going Strong in Kendama

Josh Kennedy

Kendama is a traditional Japanese toy with a very simple goal: to land the ball into cups and eventually onto a spike. The ball, called a tama, is tethered to a small sword, called a ken. The goal is to catch the ball with the holes and the spike; however, many tricks can be performed flipping the ken, as well as juggling.

Junior Jake Fischer began to practice a couple years ago, when he submitted a video to a company, that made him a “Junior Pro.” Now that Jake is older, he is considered a pro, which means he is sponsored by KendamaCo, and he has his very own unique Kendama made just for

him.

Being sponsored, Jake has traveled all over the US. He has been to Seattle, Minneapolis, Nash-



An interesting view at the Mall of America.

ville, and Colorado where he competes in tournaments. Jake competes in freestyle competitions, where the

best trick wins. Fischer also competes in head to head competitions where you perform a list of required tricks. If the other competitor messes up on a trick that you completed, then you win. Both events are viewed by judges who determine the winner.

Earlier this fall, Jake competed in a competition at the Mall of America in Minneapolis where he placed 4th out of 64 competitors. In November, Jake traveled to Nashville, TN, for an event that had over 150 people, including players, vendors, and spectators. There were three different levels of competition. Jake participated in the highest level—Advanced Division, where he



Fischer shows his skills in Nashville.

placed 2nd.

Jake says that “Kendama keeps me busy. And, I get to meet people all across the country.” Fischer hopes to be traveling this summer to Japan, where he will be competing in a world cup. If you ever see Fischer, make sure to congratulate him for his achievements and to wish him the best of luck this summer!

Are We Being Duped into Believing Something That Isn't Real?

Robert Lilly

“Hindsight is always 20-20.” I am sure that is what Officer Daniel Pantaleo is thinking after his altercation and eventual death of Eric Garner. Garner was approached by officers on the streets of New York City for allegedly selling illegal cigarettes. As tempers rose, Officer Pantaleo ended up with his forearm around Garner’s throat leading to his eventual suffocation and death. With Garner’s death in the wake up the Ferguson, Missouri, ruling not to indict Darren Wilson in the shooting and killing of Michael Brown, a man who had hours before robbed a liquor store.

The police brutality that occurs in the United States is something, I believe, that can be misconstrued. The media coverage received in Eric Garner and Michael Brown cases are worthwhile, to an extent. What the media does is turn these events into race-related issues. Now, I am not one to say that racism is dead in this country be-

cause it is not. Not by a long shot. But I do, however, believe many people are quick to jump on the bandwagon of the media and-induced rioters who pour into the streets each time an even like ones of Eric Garner and Michael Brown occur.

Michael Brown was a man who had hours before robbed a liquor store and proceeded to walk down this neighborhood street as though he was above the law. When Officer Wilson stumbled upon Brown, Wilson received a call on the radio of a man matching the exact description of Brown, who had just robbed a liquor store. Yes, Michael Brown was unarmed in the shooting and yes, Officer Wilson does seem like he was quick to send Michael to his grave, but I do not believe that Darren Wilson woke up that morning planning on taking someone’s life. It is always easy in these types of incidents to judge the men at fault. But what would you have done? Do you honestly think that you could have made a well thought out decision,

weighing the pros and cons of each? I highly doubt it. Do not get me wrong. What happened to Michael is tragic, and he was not supposed to leave us that fateful day on August 9th. But for men and women of the media to pollute the minds of the public with race-induced propaganda is not doing anyone any justice.

In the case of Eric Garner, I feel much different. Officer Daniel Pantaleo has been cited three previous times for using too much force when dealing with arrests. The video shows four officers surrounding a very large Eric Garner, who is blatantly showing the officers he willing to cooperate by placing his arms in the air in a submitting manner. However Pantaleo began to mount Garner, putting his forearm around his throat, cutting off his air circulation. While this torture is going on, Garner never once resisted his torturer and proceeded to keep his arms up in a submitted manner. How Officer Pantaleo still has a badge is beyond

my comprehension. The retraining of many officers should be done at once, and in the case of Daniel Pantaleo, I believe he is just as guilty as a citizen who would have strangled Garner.

What does this have to do with race and media? The Eric Garner case received media attention because it was right in the wake of the Ferguson, Missouri, verdict. I am not saying Eric Garner’s death should not have received media attention, it should have. It is how the media portrays the events of what happened. Do I think Officer Pantaleo could have had an issue with racism? Possibly. Do I think it is more likely that he was a police officer who may have too much of an inclination for physical altercations? Yes. The problem lies in when a news station is too eager to get better ratings than its rival new station, and is willing to do whatever it takes to make a story—even if it means portraying a story in a way that deceives its audience into believing something that it is not.

Birrer is Recognized by Veterans for Patriotic Speech

Staff

Sophomore Noah Birrer was recognized during early December for his essay that he wrote in Mrs. Ruth’s English class. Every year Mrs. Ruth has her Honors English class enter the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest. “It is a great experience to enter a writing competition and win it. I just want the boys to experience success with their writing, and I strongly believe these competitions bring that success,” said Mrs. Ruth.

After writing the essay, students submitted them to Mrs. Ruth. She then selected the top five essays, and those writers then recorded the speech on CDs to enter with the local VFW Post. The speech prompt was “What is the importance of our veterans in the past, present, and future?” Noah’s conclusion to his essay stated, “We should continue to pay tribute to our veterans. Because of our veterans, people are inspired to serve, our media pays more attention to those who serve and have served, and we earn more respect for our nation. Not showing appreciation for our veterans causes our past to fade away and our future opportunities to vanish.”

Noah’s work was good enough for 1st place and a check. His essay then continued to the next level, which was district. Not long after that, he received word that he won at the district level as well and received more money. Now, his speech will continue onto the state level. We wish him good luck in this endeavor.



Noah accepts his award from the Ladies Auxiliary President and the head of the VFW Post 6423.

Wrestlers Determined to Dominate a Second Season

Jake Brueggeman

The highly anticipated Colonel Wrestling Team has finally kicked off its second season as a program at Covington Catholic. Standards have been raised as the Colonels have returned much of the talent from last year's squad.

The Colonel Wrestlers have had a flat start to the season in comparison to their high standards. On December 3rd, the Colonels fought against Walton Verona in the first match of the season. The Colonel wrestlers did not have a good outing, losing by a heavy margin. The team was out to prove they were to be respected, and they did so at a tournament hosted at Summit Country day on December 6th. The Colonels finished 2nd in a strong field of five. With high spirits the Covington Catholic squad traveled to Purcell

Marian for two matches. Strong performances led to a close victory over Purcell Marian, but the match slipped away late against Norwood resulting in a defeat. Watch out for a strong run from the Colonels as they are determined to get back on their feet.

The coaching staff will yearn to develop the untapped talent the team wields into success in the matches. Early struggles can be contributed to strong opponents and new players getting acclimated within the sport. Senior Joseph Marino continues to be a bright point of the team as he dominates his competition. The Colonels are destined for success due to their talent, great coaching staff, and their determination to win. Best of luck to the Covington Catholic Wrestling Team as they hope to have a great season.

Freshman Basketball Hopes for Region

Paul Huber

The freshman basketball season is now underway as Coach Matt Stevens looks to lead another team to freshman regional champions. The team has a total of 17 players that do a "platoon" system like the University of Kentucky. The starting five players are Luke Lenihan, Jacob Blom, Jake Walters, Casey Nowak, and Austin Lay.

The team's first game was against Scott High School on Thursday, December 4th. The Colonels won in commanding fashion, 55-30. They then went on to win their game the next day against Holy

Cross, 43-25. The Colonels will take their 2-0 record down to Louisville this weekend to face some of their toughest competitors of the year, St. Xavier and Trinity.

Guard Luke Thelen is excited to play for CovCath. "Making the team was hard because there is a lot of talent in our class, and it is the first time everyone from different schools have to come together to play with each other on the same team. They ended up keeping 17, which is a lot when only five can play at one time. To play a sport for CovCath is exciting because it is something that I have wanted to do ever since I was a little kid."

Varsity Football Runs Out of Time

Drew DeMarsh

The Varsity Football season came to a disappointing but spirited end for the Covington Catholic Colonels this year on November 20th. The Colonels lost a tight game to their rivals in Fort Thomas with a final score of 37-34. After finding themselves in a quick hole in the first quarter down 20-0, the boys found it within themselves to get back into the game. After a nice touchdown run by Adam Wagner, the defense also stepped up with an interception by Samuel Kathman which led to another score. Highlands, however, countered with a perfect 2-minute drive to end the half, with the halftime score being 27-13.

Covington Catholic found themselves in the same hole earlier in the season against Highlands down by 14 at half, and that game didn't end too well. Nonetheless, the Colonels came out firing on all cylinders. Highlands

ended up striking first with a field goal, but was then answered by a touchdown by the Colonel offense. After that Highlands quarterback Beau Hoge had a play for the ages which actually ended up being a number one play on ESPN that night with an 81-yard touchdown run putting the Colonels behind 37-20.

This did not phase the Colonels one bit as Adam Wagner found Logan McDowell for a 90 yard touchdown pass. The defense came away with another stop and right away it was the quarterback Adam Wagner who found Lee McClure deep down the field for another touchdown making the score 37-34. The Colonels seemed to have all the momentum and needed a very quick stop. However, the Bluebirds ran down the clock and took a knee to end the game and would end up winning the state championship. The Colonels knew not to have their heads down though, for they didn't 'lose' the game, they just ran out of time.

A Glimpse at the 2014-15 Basketballers

Cooper Theobald

Nothing gets the community more excited for the new basketball season than the blue and white intersquad scrimmages. The scrimmage was held in the last week of November and was an exhilarating time for friends, family, and fans alike to witness the 2014-2015 Basketball Colonels for the first time since their state tournament run a year ago that ended in the school's first state championship title.

This year was the third straight year the Basketball Colonels have put together this night of entertainment and the event was not disappointing as the largest crowd in all three years came out to cheer

on the Colonels.

The night started out with the freshman round-ballers taking the court, followed by the junior varsity playing the freshman as well as themselves, and ending with the varsity scrimmage. In the freshman game, the blue team led by C.J. Fredrick squeaked out a win over the white team. The junior varsity Colonels took the court and handed the freshman a loss in a tight game. Following the victory by the J.V., the blue varsity team led by Cole Vonhandorf won the contest against the white team by ten points. After the games ended, fans were asked to stay around, enjoy appetizers brought by the Parents Club and check out the new locker room!

JV Regains Confidence in Early Season

Jacob Dressman flies above the Bellevue players.



Austin Hussey

The JV basketball Colonels have been working hard to be ready for the start of another great season. With additions of freshman Aiden Ruthsatz and A.J. Mayer, they join the sophomores Max Bishop, Ross Basford, Gunner Schuh, Kyle Crail, Andy Kuykendall, Jake Dressman, Ian Galvin, and Hunter Ziegelmeier, and junior Sean Brownfield to rally together and fight like Colonels for every game.

The JV squad suited up against Holy Cross in the season opener and won 38-27 in a defensive matchup. They next played St. Henry at home and won 64-42 in a great scoring game. The team then traveled to Louisville to play Trinity, but lost 44-32 to one of the best teams in the state. Trinity's varsity is number one in the state so not a terrible loss. The next day the team battled against Louisville's St. X but the tigers were too much as we lost 51-41. The JV team crushed Bellevue in a blowout to regain confidence and is ready to take on the rest of the season.

Good luck, JV basketball Colonels!

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Varsity Bball Looks to Bring the Game

Bo Schuh

The 2014-2015 Colonels have had a strong start to their season, going 5-1 in their first six games, their only loss coming to the number one ranked team in the state of Kentucky, Trinity. The Colonels have gotten production out of their starters, which was expected while they have also received boosts from other complimentary players coming off the bench.

The Colonels' first two games of the year – Holy Cross and St. Henry – were blowouts each, followed by early road tests at Trinity and at Louisville St. X on back-to-back nights. After falling eleven points short to Trinity, the Colonels came back with a comeback win against Louisville St. X in convincing fashion. Next up was Bellevue, a 64 point victory by the Colonels, followed by an impressive nineteen point victory over Campbell County, highlighted by eighteen points from Cole VonHandorf and an ex-



citing alley-oop dunk from Cooper Theobald to Bo Schuh.

Cole VonHandorf and Cooper Theobald have formed one of the best backcourts in the ninth region, as they are averaging 32.3 points combined over the first six games. Grant Romes, Bo Schuh, and Will Heppler have created a physical and tough interior post play this season, whether it be on the offensive or defensive end. Two surprise players this year have been Ryan Massie and Andy Flood. Flood and Massie have brought great energy off the bench so far, with Massie being able to defend very well, as well as Flood's ability to knock down the perimeter jump shot.

The Colonels face a tough month ahead, as they will play New Cath, Moeller, Winton Woods, Cincinnati St. X, and Holmes all in the upcoming month. It is going to be an exciting season! Good luck to the Varsity Basketball Colonels.



Swimmers Look Strong to State

Grant Guenther

Coming off another Runner-Up in state, the Aqua Colonels are looking for some revenge this year against St. X who has won state over 20 years in a row. After graduating a good amount of seniors last year, the Aqua Colonels have restocked as always. Coached by Mr. Dickmann, the swimmers are led by seniors Robby Newman, Michael Summe, and Todd Sheets. The varsity swimmers practice nearly every day and some days even twice a day proving that the swimmers put in much effort to achieve their success even though some think they are just guaranteed a second place finish, but not the CCH community.

The Colonels started their season at Scott High School in November in the Ready or Not Relay Meet. Here, the Colonels did well as usual even though the Clipper swimmers did not participate because they had a meet that weekend. Our Aqua Colonels won

by a landslide in this opening of the season. The next preseason meet was at Dixie where CCH finished second to Dixie without swimming ANY varsity swimmers. The Colonels once again look good as always and should have a successful season. The divers featuring Louie Hunt, Caleb Summe, Evan Brungs, and Joe Cahill also have tons of talent. Louie Hunt and Evan Brungs look to both be top 5 divers in the state. The diving team could really help the swimmers out in getting some key points later in the season. The Colonels practice at Silverlake and are ready to roll this year.

When asked what the goal is for the swimmers their reply is "state," Making it short and sweet. What a good goal and a high level of confidence from the swimmers. Good Luck to them as the move on with the season. The regular season varsity meets are just getting underway and they are about to start making some noise with state in a couple months.



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