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Sheila Gray Visits Journalism Brandon Rozanski

Fox 19's own Sheila Gray visited the Cov Cath journalism class Tuesday, October 26. Ms. Gray, who is a news anchor and reporter at Fox 19 on the morning news, visited the class to talk to the students about journalism more in detail and to answer any questions they might have in regards to the profession. She described what she does as a news anchor, what the job entails, and what it takes to be successful in that industry

Along with Sheila Gray, John Hudson who was in the Class of 2008, visited us. He is a radio host for B105 on Saturday and Sunday nights. He talked to us about internships at radio stations as well as at news stations. He will be interning at Fox 19 under Sheila Gray soon and he says that he is really looking forward to it. Sheila and John both recommend careers in this field and also recommended starting off at radio stations to get some experience.

All students listened intently as Mrs. Gray spoke while being videotaped for a small story to be on the news the next morning. We all greatly appreciate having her come in and give us her time to speak to us and would welcome her back at any time.

Sheila Gray speaks with the class

Photo by: Diane Ruth



Freshman Halloween Bash Jake Read

The 2nd annual Freshman Halloween Bash was held on October 29 from 8 to 11. Only freshmen from Cov Cath and Notre Dame attended. The party was bumping as the DJ was playing music and the snacks were good and the drinks were cold. The dance was held in Cov Cath's gymnasium and both principals attended from Cov Cath and NDA.

All of the 275 freshmen wore costumes and had a great time. From Cov Cath the best dressed were: Drew Rensing in 3rd place with his outfit from the band Kiss, 2nd place was Hank Hemmer as Mr. T, and 1st place was Daniel Dansbury who was dressed as a kissing booth. For Notre Dame the best dressed were: Lexie Stegerwald who was a 60's funky girl, 2nd place was Maggie Flanigan who was a Lady Vampire, and 1st place was Amanda Meagher who was Lady Gaga.

All the members of the Drug Free Club got the chance to win prizes! Two lucky Drug Free Club members (one from Cov Cath and one from NDA) got brand new ipods. Other members won Skyline and Chipotle gift cards. The dance finished off with the junior Student Senate members doing a great job after cleaning up the mess. The dance was a great success!



Drew Rensing dressed as the lead singer of "Kiss" |

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Community News

Phillip Ryan

The Creation Museum is a relatively new addition to the city of Petersburg and the Northern Kentucky area. With over 70,000 square feet of space, it brings the Bible to life, displaying many familiar characters and stories. With interactive exhibits instructing, beautiful murals adorning, and a plethora of facts amazing, there is no wonder it is so popular! It has been “creating” waves of interest across the nation ever since its construction, yet many of us in Northern Kentucky are oblivious to the fact that we have this incredible resource practically in our backyards.

Theatre presentations, workshops, and many national speakers are just a few of the many things that are done to promote the Biblical message of creation. The museum is open from 10-6 Monday through Friday, 9-6 on Saturday, and 12 noon to 6 on Sunday. We have this wonderful museum right here in our community, and we must take full advantage of this opportunity!

NEHS Induction

Andrew Kendall

“Gelast Sceal Mid Are.” This old English saying which translates into duty goes with honor is the cornerstone for the National English Honor Society. The Covington Catholic Chapter of the National English Honor Society was created in 2009 under the watchful eye of enlightened moderator Mrs. Diane Ruth. This year the society inducted 24 new members including Mr. Collins.

The induction proved to be a great experience to introduce the new members. The evening began with a mass followed by a great speech by one of Northern Kentucky’s finest. Dr. James Claypool, the author of nine books and a retired Northern Kentucky University History Professor, laid out the importance of reaping the benefits of every member’s talents. As he alluded to many of the greatest authors in the history of literature, it set the stage for the induction of Covington Catholic’s finest in the study of the English language. The ceremony was led by current president Josh Moorman and the other officers. Every member accepted their induction with gratitude and eagerness to help the club prosper.

The society works to gain knowledge in every facet of English and literature, and also give back to the community with a strong showing of service. Covington Catholic is very pleased to welcome the 23 new members to the National English Honors Society through this very memorable celebration.

Chess Club

Adam Shumate

Chess Club is one of the many clubs that Covington Catholic has to offer. Chess Club is a way for students, interested in chess, to have a chance to play in an atmosphere surrounded by classmates. The Chess Club meets once a week, on Tuesdays, at Sub Station II. Students can

go when they can, and many underclassmen get rides from the upperclassmen. The club provides chess boards and timers if needed. Sub Station II has agreed to allow Chess Club members free soft drinks when participating.

Each year the Chess Club has a tournament. Last year the tournament was called Fight to the Finish. The tournament was a great success. It had a full tournament of 48 students participate. The winner of this huge tournament was Luke Schutzman.

This year the Chess Club has lots of students coming on a regular basis and has a tournament scheduled for later this year, and we are all excited to participate. Everyone has a great time, and lots of chess is played. This is sure to be another great year for the Chess Club. If you have any questions or would like to join Chess Club contact Mr. McCoy.

Youth 2000

Phillip Ryan

On the weekend of October 15th-17th, over four hundred youth from around the Diocese of Covington gathered to participate in the Youth 2000 Retreat. Youth 2000 is a Eucharistic-centered retreat that was put in place by Pope John Paul II in order to promote the growth and spread of Catholicism among young people. Led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the retreat celebrated its sixth year in the Diocese of Covington.

The retreat was held at Notre Dame Academy this year, the first time it had been anywhere else but Thomas Moore College. It began on Friday evening, and lasted until early afternoon on Sunday. Anyone from eighth graders to graduates of college were invited to attend this special weekend. It started with praise and worship music, a rosary, and a mass celebrated by Father Gregory Bach, the vocations director of our diocese. The evening concluded with a wonderful, faith-filled talk by a friar and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

By Saturday morning, even those who were forced to attend the retreat were having a good time. Saturday was a completely packed day that lasted from 8a.m. until 10p.m. Among various activities were thought-provoking talks, small groups, and an international rosary (each decade led in a respective language).

Sunday, on the other hand, is the shortest day lasting only four short hours. After a closing mass, one of the most powerful parts of the retreat occurred. The teens were invited to come up in front of everyone and share their personal experience at Youth 2000. It was truly a testament to the teens’ faiths as they got up to talk about their personal relationships with God. A closing song ended a fantastic, Spirit-filled weekend that many will remember for years to come.

National News: Ron Artest

Austin Hudepohl

Ron Artest has recently set up an online raffle for his NBA Championship ring in order to fund mental health services for youths that can’t afford the counseling. The online raffle was announced on “Larry King Live” and

within minutes, ronartest.com crashed due to the amount of viewers. Celebrities for Charity, the company organizing the raffle, stated it had raised \$120,000 in less than 24 hours. Artest hopes the proceeds will surpass \$1 million so it can all be used for charity.

Ron Artest gained his infamy in 2004 when he punched a fan in the face during the famous “Pacers-Pistons Brawl.” After this incident, Artest was suspended 73 games and lost about \$6 million in salary. Ron Artest was sign of bad behavior in the NBA. After his return, he was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers and made a comeback by winning the NBA championship last season. In hopes to seek redemption among the people, Artest told the public about his raffle for charity.

Once Artest was given court-ordered anger management therapy, he was transformed. On global television during the NBA final game, he thanked his psychiatrist. This surprised all viewers and showed what a changed man he has become. He publicly gave credit to his health care professionals for turning his life around and in return, set up this raffle for people in need of mental health care. Ever since he received the ring at the ceremony, Artest has not worn his only NBA championship ring so that the raffle winner will be the first. This ring is a diamond-encrusted, golden beauty with his name on it and would be truly spectacular to own. Artest says he will draw the winning ticket on Christmas Day.

NHS Induction

Aaron Wilson

On Wednesday, October 13, forty students were inducted into the National Honor Society. This is one of the largest classes ever to be inducted into this prestigious group. To be eligible for this, students must have a minimum of 3.5 GPA and show outstanding leadership and involvement in community service. There are four main pillars all applicants must possess to apply: scholarship, service, character, and leadership.

Mrs. Shepard is the new moderator of the club this year, and she hopes to keep this club growing. She says, “I am very proud of the current members of NHS and I am excited to see the new inductees make this club even better.”

All current members of NHS and the officers attended the mass followed by the induction ceremony. Seniors Alex Glavan (President), Josh Moorman (Vice President), Dan Gregory (Secretary), Andrew Kendall (Treasurer), Alex Emerson (Sergeant at Arms), and John Bayer (President of Cultural Relations) all gave speeches about the history of NHS and what is expected of them as new members of the club.

The current members already worked the annual Cov Cath Invitational Cross Country Meet and are in the process of planning a new service project that will include all members. They also are in the process of a fundraiser for the club in order to plan upcoming projects.



A Day with Dracula

Andrew Kendall

The Covington Catholic sophomores took a recent trip to see the theater production of "Dracula". The play was put on by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, and it was one that did not disappoint.

With the Halloween season approaching, "Dracula" was the perfect thing to set the mood for the haunted holiday. "Dracula" is a play centered on love and the aura of vampires. The plot ensures that the audience remains on the edge of their seat, and eager to find out the next turn in the story. Many people see vampires as just a monster created for Halloween, but "Dracula" gets down to the literary roots of the villain. Joey Kendall, a sophomore who attended the play, had nothing but good things to say about it. "Dracula was a great story that was very easy to follow; I give it two thumbs up."

When thinking about Halloween and monsters, one of the first imaginary monsters that comes to mind is the vampire. Count Dracula and the supporting cast of the play create a spooky tale that has been kept alive for many years. The sophomores were very lucky to be able to attend this fear inflicting play. It marked the beginning of the Halloween season.

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

Jonah Scott

Frankenstein, the classic horror novel by Mary Shelley, has been critically acclaimed for years. Its philosophical fires ignited in the book has spark many spinoffs. Now, director, actor and producer Kenneth Branagh, has sparked the interest of many with his new iteration "*Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*"

Kenneth Branagh (Victor Frankenstein) is joined by an all star cast of Helena Bonham Carter as Elizabeth. John Cleese, as Victor's mentor Professor Waldman, and finally the one and only Robert De Niro as the creature himself.

This movie was beautifully executed, Branagh brought this movie together beautifully, with both his artistic directing and his brilliant acting as the demented Dr. Victor Frankenstein. Victor is a very disturbed and tormented man. With his mother dying at a very early age, he is driven to create artificial life, a way for a person to live forever. Victor attempts to assemble a body of immense size and strength by harvesting various body parts from exhumed corpses and other dead. He is finally successful in creating life, a life that to him, is an abomination. This newly created "life" is superior to a human in every way, except aesthetically. However when this creature tries to attack him he abandons it. The creature, alone, frightened and confused, quickly becomes aware of the harsh and judgmental ways of man.

This creature was beautifully played by Robert De Niro. De Niro played the anti-hero of the creature, masterfully. He created a character that was confused, benevolent, alone, hostile,

manipulative and clever all at the same time. In my opinion, De Niro deserved an Oscar or at least an award of some kind.

The supporting roles are not to be left out as all of them a A-list actors and their work definitely reflects that. Helena Bonham Carter played a marvelously haunting Mrs. Victor Frankenstein. And John Cleese (Playing a surprisingly dramatic role) was fantastic as Victor's mentor, Prof. Waldman.

All in all this movie held true to the original, which is saying a lot as not many of the recent or earlier movie stuck to the novel at all. I give the fantastic movie a 9/10.

A Revolution with Rebelution

Casey Stone

Are you looking for some good music to chill to, or maybe just some music to put you in a good mood? I suggest checking out Rebelution, a grassroots, Cali-Reggae band out of Santa Barbara, California.

Rebelution uses their laid back attitudes, "worry free" vibes, and catchy refrains to entice listeners from all kinds of genres. If you are a fan of Bob Marley, Tribal Seeds, SOJA, or any kind of pop reggae or upbeat music you will love these guys. I highly suggest seeing them live the next time they are anywhere near your town. Their big bass, chill, jamming vibes will have you bouncing to the music without a doubt. They put on the best live show I have ever been to in my life earlier this year at the 20th Century Theatre in Cincinnati. Everyone else who went would agree that the atmosphere was amazing and that they put on a great live show that night. After the show I spoke with bassist Marley Williams who said that the crowd was amazing, and that next time they come to town they will be playing at a larger venue, which would be amazing.

So the next time you are looking for some good music to jam to, check out Rebelution and you'll see exactly what I am talking about.

Band: Bad Religion

Title: Suffer

Kevin Tillman

Imagine it's the year 1988; Reagan leaves office and George Bush Sr. is elected, but more importantly, Bad Religion, one of the cornerstones of Southern California's punk rock scene, along with The Descendents Minor Threat, Black Flag, and Screeching Weasel, puts out what is widely considered to be their best album. *Suffer* is a melding of creative and eloquent songwriting combined with vibrant and catchy hooks that mold maybe the best punk rock record of all time. Bad Religion is a group that has been around for 30 years without major label support, still tours and was at Bogart's on October 11th.

Track Listing

1. "You Are (The Government)"-1:21- 4/5
2. "1000 More Fools"-1:34- 5/5
3. "How Much Is Enough?"-1:22- 3.5/5
4. "When?"-1:38- 4/5
5. "Give You Nothing"-2:00-4.5/5
6. "Land of Competition"-2:04-5/5
7. "Forbidden Beat"-1:56-5/5
8. "Best for You"-1:53-4/5
9. "Suffer"-1:47-5/5
10. "Delirium of Disorder"-1:38-3/5
11. "Part II (The Numbers Game)"-1:39- 4/5
12. "What Can You Do?"-2:44- 5/5
13. "Do What You Want"-1:05-5/5
14. "Part IV (The Index Fossil)"-2:02-4.5/5
15. "Pessimistic Lines"-1:07-4/5

Some frequently live songs on the record include: *Land of Competition*, *Best for You*, *Suffer*, and *Do What You Want*. *Suffer* discusses how the common people are abused by those in power, from the political to the religious leaders, and how the promises made by these leaders are just to appease the people. *Best for You's* lyrics take on the issue of other people telling you what to do, and how they don't have the authority to say what's best for you. Anyone who proclaims to be a punk fan, anyone who is looking for a good album, and anyone who wants a history lesson in what melodic punk should sound like, should pick up this album.

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Stephen King: Natural Storyteller or Literary Hack?

Kevin Schoettle

It's been quite some time now (36 years to be exact) since Stephen King had published his first novel *Carrie*. Throughout this period he has written an astonishing 49 novels and also hundreds of short stories that became packaged in various collections. So obviously the man has made quite a contribution to readers everywhere. But quantity doesn't fit in the realm of quality.

As an avid King fan, I am disappointed to say that his latest works have not shown the "master of horror" that I have come to love. *Under the Dome* was much too long for the content of the story and seemed to dawdle in numerous people's affairs, of which I didn't care about because they did not add any extra dimensions to the plot, but seemed like an attempt for the author to impress the literary critics he had grown to despise. He strayed away from his simplistic, matter-of-fact prose and had sentences oversaturated with petty details that detracted the continual flow of the plot. He had broken his golden rule: Always take 10% off of the first draft when writing the second. Mark this down, kids.

But let us not squabble over the writer's failures without praising his accomplishments in the field of literature. What Stephen King has brought us is the wildly imaginative story stripped to its purest essence, like a honey roasted ham without all the excess fat clinging on it. He taught us that less is more and that you don't need an expansive vocabulary to tell an endearing story. All you need is an imagination and extraordinary patience.

Critics, over the decades, have slandered him stating that he is nothing but a hack who dishes out 2000 words a day and calls it "work". "Hell," they say, "the man can publish his laundry list and still rake in millions." But these critics are missing the point. This man *can* write, and he has proven himself by starting at the top and remaining to this day as one of the best fiction writers of our era. His immense popularity and countless number of devoted fans is enough to account for his impact on the literary world. The man is an icon.

Some critics state that writers like J.K Rowling and Stephen King are going to be the death of literature. On the contrary, I believe they will save literature from the abyss to where it's headed. We have placed so much emphasis on style and prose that we have taken out the most vital part of reading: the joys of a good story. To put it simply, we are boring the children. If books like *The Shining* or *Harry Potter* are means of entertainment to an adolescent rather than television or video games, then what harm can be done?

Like the older generation used to say: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." And I bet that phrase is ringing through Mr. King's head as we speak.

Kobe Vs. Lebron

Michael Hellmann

Ever since the game of basketball first started, talented players have competed at all levels. From big centers to quick point guards, players of all sizes have played. Especially in the NBA, the athletes playing are extremely skilled at the sport they play.

For many years an argument that has been going around is who is the greatest basketball player? This is an extremely hard question to answer because of the amount of players that have competed throughout the years. To make this an easier subject to talk about, another question has been thrown around recently. Who is better, Lebron James or Kobe Bryant? Everyone can agree with the statement that these two players are both unbelievably good. It is just the argument of who is better, is the problem.

I personally believe Kobe is the all around better player. He is smarter with the ball, a better ball handler, and plays more aggressive defense. Lebron is good at all of these things too, but Kobe is great at all these things. Kobe is so versatile in the sense that he can play any position on the court. He can easily change from being a fast point guard to a more powerful forward. Kobe also has one thing that James does not have. Kobe has won six national championships while Lebron has won zero. Granted that Kobe has been in the league longer, it is still one more reason why at this period in time he is a better player. The fact of the matter is, is that he simply wins games. Kobe is a winner and a team player. He gets his teammates involved more then Lebron does which helps with team chemistry and moral. Lebron wins games too, but it is how they win games and how many they win. Kobe has seniority and has the upper hand against anyone because of his experience.

Currently the league has so many phenomenal players it is hard to keep up with the best. It is safe to say that most people think that Kobe Bryant and Lebron James are the best the league can offer, but no one can quite decide who is better. Kobe Bryant is the all around better player. The NBA is full of super athletic guys, but Kobe rises above all.



Who's Better? Will we ever know?

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Time to Molebrate

Drew Etling

Its time to Molebrate!!!!!! You might be asking yourself what that means, and I am here to tell you. Molebrate is a mix between Mole and Celebrate; you can only use this word on October 23rd white is national Mole Day. This day is to commemorate Avogadro's number (6.02×10^{23}), which is the basic measuring unit in chemistry. At Covington Catholic we celebrate with food, mole jokes, and fun filled games with Mrs. Hagedorn's chem class.

During class on this fun filled holiday many kids will bring in foods of all sorts. David Zalla (sophomore) brought in Mole poop, which is pudding mixed with oreo crumbs, which was quite delicious. When I went to observe Mole day there were dozens of 2 liter drinks, and plenty of food to go around. I participated in a game corn-mole. Which is corn hole but instead of bags full of sand it was beanie baby moles. My favorite mole joke of the day was "What is Avagadro's favorite kind of music?.....Rock 'N' Mole." When I was a sophomore Neil Kennedy even dressed up like a Mole!

Mole Day is a very fascinating day at Covington Catholic, and is something every student should look forward to. The kids in Mrs. Hagedorn's class get to learn while having fun. Anyone at CCH has an awesome time learning and eating at the same time!



Mrs. Hagedorn rocks her mole shirt.
Photo By: Jake Vogt

All School Mass

Michael Hellmann

All school masses are tradition at Covington Catholic High School. As a Catholic school, students at Covington Catholic are always excited to participate in mass. This all school mass was special for a few reasons.

The week leading up to this all school mass was exhilarating because of Spirit Week. As if students were not already pumped up, Spirit Week just added to the usual enthusiasm shown by the young Colonels. An unusual aspect of this mass was that it was held at Saint Agnes Church. Because of difficulties with our gym floor, students and teachers made the hike up the hill to St. Agnes Parish. Even though Covington Catholic loves having their masses in their big gym, their attitude never changed. The students were still reverent and respectful as usual. Father Gallenstein had a phenomenal service and was helpful to all students.

Highlights of the mass were Father Gallenstein's homily, which really applied to everyone who was listening. The Chamber Choir was angelic as usual and was led by director James Wolfe. The choir always

Wiffle Ball Tournament

Kevin Schoettle

We here at Covington Catholic take our sports very seriously, even our backyard ones. It has been a tradition at our school to hold a wiffle-ball tournament every year to determine the victors.

This year's championship game was one of the best games in Colonel history. The art team was skunking Team Lange 10 to nothing. A miracle was needed for Team Lange. Comebacks are hard to come by. Now it was their turn to go up to bat.

They started hitting singles and doubles each time, slowly increasing their score. The score was now 10 to 8, with the bases loaded. Jacob Lange was standing there on home plate, waiting to smack the plastic sphere into oblivion. His eyes fixated on the pitcher's hand, ready to spring when he lets it go. He pictured the gold trophy illuminating the tunnel in his vision. It all came down to this.

The pitch was thrown; Jacob Lange swung and... whiffed it. That was his first strike. He regained his stature and prepared himself for the next pitch. The ball headed dead center toward the plate. Jacob Lange swung and hit the ball hard as he could. The ball head toward left field and was ruled a triple, finalizing the score with a staggering 11 to 10. Team Lange was crowned as the champions and were given the highly coveted wiffle-ball trophy along with all the glory that accompanied it.

Economics class to Indiana

Austin Hudepohl

On October 21, Mr. Kaelin and the Economics class traveled to Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to the Orscheln Farm and Home Company. This is a large company set in Indiana which provides a very wide range of products including livestock, clothing and footwear, and power equipment. The company offers about fifteen different types of products.

Orscheln Farm and Home Company offers trips to high school students every year to help teach them the basics about running a business and what makes it successful. The trip helps students learn and explore the many aspects of running a company. The basis of this trip is to teach students about marketing, human resources, and targeting customers. It shows the main points about how a company works and runs in society. During the trip, they also gave the students a competition where they had to develop and run their own business with the winner getting a prize.

This was the first year of this trip for the economics class. It seemed to be a very knowledge filled tour that taught the students valuable things about a business. The economics class seemed to have an enjoyable time on the trip. This may be the first of many outings to the Orscheln Farm and Home Company.

seems to have an effect on the rest of the student body helping them to participate more. A special thanks to the servers Andrew Schult, Brett Riedinger, Jackson Walsburger, and Mitchell Wendling for doing a great job helping out. Morgan Bahl also helped out by doing the reading and petitions in front of the parish community.

All school masses are tradition with these boys. From freshmen to seniors, faith is a serious matter at school and inside the chapel. This mass especially was great and set the stage for the future all school masses.



Community Service Cory Matsko

As we all know, Community Service at Cov. Cath. is a huge part of our school's identity. The student body as a whole is required to perform 7,500 hours of service annually, but the last few years the students have exceeded 12,000 hours as a whole. This goes to show you how much pride we have in our community service program at Covington Catholic.

Bill Snyder who recently gave up the position of Community Service Director has returned to once again take on the task. He has made a huge impact on the whole Covington Catholic community with his great success in this community service program. Without him at the head of this charge, there is no way that Covington Catholic would be as involved in community service as they are.

There are always various community service activities for students to do and often times sign ups will be on Mr. Snyder's classroom door. Various upcoming service activities are: CCH Bingo which is every Thursday at 6-9 or 7-10 p.m., Special Olympics Regional Bowling Tournament which is November 6 from 8 am till 1 p.m. These are just a few of the upcoming opportunities our students have to go out and help in the community. The Covington Catholic community service group recently traveled down Covington to work at the annual Baker Hunt Cleanup Day, where they pulled weeds and mulched. They also helped work the Special Olympics Regional Bowling Tournament which was November 6 from 8 am till 1 p.m.

For more service opportunities visit the Covington Catholic website and click on the link "Spiritual Life."

An Escape from School Kevin Tillman

On October 14th, 2010, Mrs. Rasp's Spanish CP II classes went to Northern Kentucky University for an enthralling presentation on Dia De los Muertos. Dia De los Muertos, translating to Day of the Dead, is celebrated on the day after the celebration of Halloween; it commemorates all of the souls that have died and went to the afterlife. People who celebrate Dia De los Muertos will make "altars" for their lost ones decorating them with flowers, old pictures of their loved ones, and objects that had some significance to the now deceased person.

After the students arrived in Alexandria, they were sat down by the NKU Spanish club members for power points and YouTube videos to explain the meaning behind the celebration. The members also gave the students multiple projects including: a cross word puzzle, some unexpected games and a challenge to create their own Dia De los Muertos; they used objects such as ribbons, candles, and a comical bag of cheetos to complete this task. After they created the altars, they were provided with sub sandwiches and went on a tour of the campus. They toured the multicultural building, the cafeteria and most of the outdoor campus scenery.

Spirit Week Lucas Armor

On October 18th-22nd, Covington Catholic High School conducted their annual Spirit Week, which as usual was a big success. All the activities that occurred during the week really made this week special. Whether it was an ice cream eating contest, olympic day, or just trying to dress up as best you can for a theme, everybody had a great time.

On Monday, unfortunately, there was no theme or anything, just a regular school day. On Tuesday, it was the school's last all school mass at St. Agnes Church. The gym's brand new floor is now all ready to go for Covington Catholic's next all school mass.

Wednesday, was Hawaiian theme, and all the students suited up in their Hawaiian shirts, flip-flops, and shades to show their spirit for this theme. The student body really enjoyed this theme as over half of the student body participated in it.

Thursday was a special kind of day where every individual class had to do their own theme. The freshmen, of course, wore their clothes inside-out and backwards. In many senior's eyes, the freshmen should have had their undergarments on the outside, yet seldom actually did. The sophomores had to dress as their favorite superhero. There is always a lack of participation with this theme, but it seemed that there was a fair amount of students that went along with the idea. The junior's theme was a classic "throwback jersey." Since this theme is a very easy theme to participate in, participation was very high. Last, the seniors had to dress as their favorite teachers for the day. There were Coach Krumpelbecks, Coach Ecks, Coach Rays, Coach Giordanos, Mr. McCoys, and Mr. Kaelins as far as the eye could see. In this writer's opinion, the best costume of the senior class goes to Andrew Baldrige. He dressed up as the legendary Mr. Don Buchanan, an English teacher the senior class had freshman year.

The last day of the week, Friday was easily the most eventful day. This day's theme was a Blue and White Day, but the seniors and sophomores were told to wear white, and the juniors and freshman were told to wear blue to designate teams for Olympic Day. The teams were the seniors versus the juniors, and the sophomores against the freshmen. There were 10 events overall, but each class could only play five. The seniors and juniors competed in kickball, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, flag football, and tug-o-war, while the sophomores and freshmen competed in wiffleball, lacrosse, field goal kick, soccer, and knock-out. The seniors dominated in all of their events except for the tug-o-war. The main reason they did not prosper in this event was the fact that the juniors had more students per homeroom.

Overall, this Spirit Week was a huge success, and it really got everybody pumped up for Homecoming on Saturday, October 23rd. The seniors just hope that the classes under them continue to improve on this fantastic week after their departure.

Reid Butler poses with the man of the hour. Photo By: Jake Vogt



Colonels Capture CovCath Highway

Aaron Wilson

The Colonels have once again beaten the Little Colonels of Dixie Heights to once again regain the rights to Dixie Highway, which can now be referred to as CovCath Highway. The Colonels beat Dixie 40-36 in an offensive battle, which gave them home field advantage for the first round of the playoffs. This is huge for the Colonels, giving them a much better chance to advance in the playoffs.

The Colonel Crazies were as loud and rambunctious as ever. Dressed in all NASCAR gear, the Crazies became the 12th man on the field and helped the Colonels dominate. With the help of senior safety Dan Gregory, the Colonels took out Division I recruit Zeke Pike. The highlight of the game was the drive at the end of the fourth quarter to win the game. Sophomore quarterback Blake Bir threw a 13 yard pass to junior Clint Massie for the win. Massie was ecstatic to get his first touchdown of the season, especially on such a big stage. He says "I have been waiting to score all year, and I am glad it finally came in the clutch."

The Colonels finished out the regular season against Louisville St. Xavier for senior day and then moved on to the first round of the playoffs. The Colonels faced Ashland Paul Blazer and dominated. We won easily, defeating them 43-19. The Colonels moved on to the second round and faced Johnson Central. The Colonels started out hot early, but the Johnson Central rushing attack was too much to handle for the Colonels. The seniors have exceeded expectations for the year, although it did not end the way they had liked. The future is bright for the Cov Cath Football Colonels and they hope to eventually return to the state championship game.

Jake Nienaber makes a tackle.
Photo By: Diane Ruth



Varsity Soccer

Jake Read

The Colonels won the District Championship Friday, October 15, beating Holy Cross 4-1. Evan Talkers had two goals in the victory but that was only the beginning of Evan's night. He also kicked for the football Colonels against the Highlands Bluebirds.

Sean Cooney and Sam Mullen also had goals to contribute to the blow out. Excellent shut out goal keeping was attributed to Mitch Jacobs who only let in one goal. Outside mid fielder, Philip Ryan had an excellent game. He almost scored a goal but unfortunately it was called off because of offsidess. Andrew Schult, Peter Craig, Sam Mullen, and Nick Thelen looked excellent defensively and aided in the Colonels victory.

The Colonels are looking very good as they will take on the Campbell County Camels on Monday October 18. They look to have ongoing success and enjoy a victorious end to a great season.

Sean Cooney dribbles the ball up the field.
Photo By: Diane Ruth





JV Football **Drew Baker**

Football is typically one of the most popular sports at Covington Catholic even at the Junior Varsity level. The J.V. Colonels finished the season with a 4 and 3 record. The Colonels were very talented but could not put together a great season. They had a winning record but fell a little short of the Cov Cath standard.

The J.V. football team was very talented with Matthew Summe at the Quarterback position and Bobby Beatrice at runningback that also played some varsity this year. The wide receivers were a talented with Kellen Jenkins Ethan Eggburs and Charlie Madder. Charlie would later move up to Varsity and and that is when things took a turn for the worst. The Colonels went undefeated for games and then some players were moved up and the J.V. team was forced to make some last minute game time changes. They had to place some young and inexperienced players for the talented and experienced players.

The J.V. team now is focusing on practicing with Varsity and helping the varsity team and making them better for the playoffs. The majority of the colonels hope to help the varsity team in the future and return to the covcath way of winning of state.

Freshman Football **Christian Schulte**

The freshman football team is continuing to have a terrific season. After defeating Boone County at home 41-16, they have not looked back since. Coach Kevin Connor said he is proud of the effort being put in by the players and it will pay off come playoff time. The Colonels traveled to Simon Kenton for their last regular season game. The Colonels ran the ball all over Simon Kenton. They could not be stopped on the ground. Sam Dressman and Nick Pope ran for two scores a piece, while Luke Bir and Matthew Way each contributed one. The Colonels offensive line opened holes up all game for the running backs. On the other side of the ball, the defense held Simon Kenton to only one touchdown. Coach Conner said it was an all around great game by everybody as the Colonels defeated Simon Kenton 38-6.

The big win over Simon Kenton gave the Colonels a lot of momentum going into the playoffs as they would travel to and face Campbell County. The Colonels struggled in the first half with five turnovers. Towards the end of the first quarter a spark came from defensive lineman Connor Brown as he intercepted a pass and ran it back for the Colonels first touchdown. At the end of the first half the Colonels were down 14-7 to the Camels. The Colonels came out very angry in the second half as their offense scored on the first three possessions. The defense played excellent in the second half giving up only one touchdown. The Colonels went on to win 25-20 against the Camels.

The win over Campbell Country got them into the Championship game where they faced Highlands on October 30. The Colonels started off hot taking the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Then they scored on their next possession putting them up 14-0. After that the Colonels started to struggle with turnovers and breaking down mentally. Highlands scored 36 unanswered points, ultimately winning the game 36-14. The freshman season ended on a sour note, but overall they had a spectacular season.

Cross Country Approaches Season's End **Cory Matsko**

The Cross Country Colonels are approaching the season's end and are looking to repeat last year's Regional Championship victory.

The Colonels are led by seniors, Matt Baker and Khang Le, and juniors Garret Oien and Brayden Schlagbaum. Finishing third or better in their last three races, the Colonels are red hot and will be looking to make a final statement in their final race before regions. They will be heading down to Louisville on October 30, 2010 to run in the Louisville Metro Meet of Champions. After placing well in the Louisville Metro Meet of Champions, the Colonels' traveled to Devou Park for the Regional Championship. The Colonels' placed second in this meet just behind the #1 ranked team in the state Lexington Catholic. The team had five players finish in the top 20. They were led by Brayden Schlagbaum, Khang Le, Christian Greenwell, Clay Heidrich, and Jacob Condon. With this great finish, the Colonels' qualified for the state meet in Lexington on November 13, 2010. At the state meet the Colonel's ran well and finished 6th out of 30 teams. Excellent performances came from Brayden Schlagbaum in 20th, Christian Greenwell in 47th, and Khang Le in 56th.

Also Congratulations to the Junior Varsity Cross Country Colonels who just placed first in the Junior Varsity Open Championship. The J.V. team will wrap up their season this weekend when they also travel down to Louisville to run in the Louisville Metro Meet of Champions. The J.V. Colonels have had a very impressive season finishing first place in four out of their eleven meets thus far. Not to mention, that they have finished second place in 5 out of those eleven meets as well.

From the looks of how well our J.V. team has been running, it gives us a very promising and talented team for the future seasons.

Intramural Bowling **Lucas Armor**

As a gourmet chef would say, this Intramural Bowling League is really cooking. As the end of the season is slowly approaching, it is still anyone's game. The stats are exciting to say the least. The reigning leaders are slowly slipping to the competition. The competitiveness is overwhelming, for there is a mere 25 point difference in the average of the top 20 bowlers in the Junior/Senior division.

In the Freshman/Sophomore division, sophomore David Zalla has taken the lead, in averages, from freshman David Hacker. Zalla is representing a 166.04 average, while Hacker has a 161.96 average. David Zalla is leading the Freshman/Sophomore high games with a 256, and he is also leading the Freshman/Sophomore division high 3 games series with a 626. In team action, Team Cunningham is pulling away with a 20-7 record. The team in 2nd, Team Atchinson, has a record of 18-9. The team with the Freshman/Sophomore division high 3 game team series is Team Ellison with a 531.

In the immaculate Junior/Senior division, senior Josh Bayless is leading the pack with 164.37 average. He is followed by junior Alex Tilford with a 157.71 average. Junior David Bitter is leading the Junior/Senior high games with a 226. Senior Jake Vogt is leading the Junior/Senior high 3 games series with a 569. In team news, Team Bayless is leading the Junior/Senior high team 3 games with a 550. The glorious Team Armor is leading the league with a record of 19-7-1. They are being pursued closely by Teams Rozanski with a record of 16-10-1. Needless to say, the league, this year, is one for the record books.

The Intramural Bowling League would also like to give a shout out to new comer Josh Moorman. He is on the golf team and tried out for and made the Interscholastic Bowling Team. Since he played golf he could not participate in the Intramural League, but thankfully was allowed to join