

# CAIR PARAVEL - LATIN SCHOOL

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## Family Newsletter - December 12, 2003

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### **PTF CHRISTMAS STORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

The CPLS Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) will once again open the Christmas Store for students in grades K-5. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to shop for a gift for Mom and Dad without having them around. All gifts will be \$5.00 or less.

Each student may buy TWO gifts. Please send your child's money to their classroom teacher. They must have their money that day to shop. This is an optional activity.

Any questions, call Sara Cook, 266-4803.

MERRY CHRISTMAS from PTF!

### **CHRISTMAS JEANS AND T-SHIRT DAY - DECEMBER 12**

December 12 will be jeans, t-shirt and Christmas Spirit day. Students may wear jeans, t-shirts or Christmas sweaters or sweatshirts to celebrate the season if they bring \$1.00. Proceeds will be used by STUCO to adopt a family in need for Christmas.

### **BYLAWS FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30 PM  
CPLS LIBRARY  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Questions? Contact Doug Simmons at:  
dougsimmons777@yahoo.com

### **ALUMNI NIGHT**

Everyone is invited to attend Alumni Night, Monday, December 22nd in the CPLS Gym. Come see old(?) friends and have a great time!

Cost \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and alumni.

6:00 pm Co-Ed Volleyball Match

7:00 pm Girls and Guys Basketball games

The concession stand will be open during all the games! Proceeds will go to fund graduation for the Senior Class of 2004.

### **6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The 6th -12th grade Christmas Concert will be December 15th, at 7:00pm at Topeka Bible Church. Please come and hear these beautiful young voices sing of our Savior's birth.

Below are the warm-up times for ensembles. It is critical students be prompt so they may practice going on and off the stage, warm-up, and pray with their ensemble. Students should wear concert attire (refer to the handbook).

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| Madrigals in sanctuary .....     | 5:50pm |
| Choir downstairs .....           | 6:00pm |
| Orchestra in sanctuary .....     | 6:10pm |
| 7th & 8th grade downstairs ..... | 6:20pm |

### **ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM**

The annual CPLS elementary Christmas program will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, December 18th at Topeka Bible Church (11th and Mulvane). The program will last approximately one hour, so plan to bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening of music to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Girls should wear a nice Christmas dress or skirt and sweater with dress shoes. Boys should be in slacks with a nice, collared shirt or sweater and dress shoes (neckties are not required). In either case, school uniform is optional.

The program will start promptly at 7:00 pm, so the students need to be in their assigned seats by 6:45pm. Please bring your child to the auditorium of the church and leave them in the care of their classroom teacher or parent volunteer who will be waiting near the front.

Looking forward to a delightful evening.

**Mrs. Pohlenz**



## CPLS PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP TO SELL COASTERS

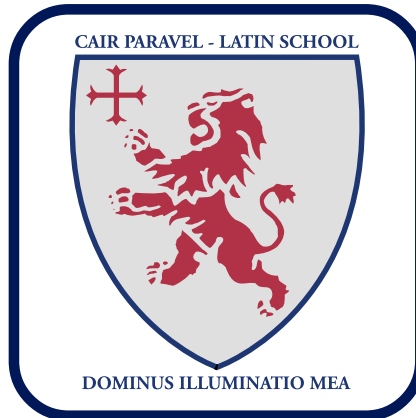
The CPLS PTF is offering coasters as a new fund raiser to support PTF programs. The PTF supports the school in a variety of ways by providing programs, supplies and volunteers to the school.

The coasters are full-color with the school logo. They are foam-backed and come in sets of four. The cost is \$10.00 per set. All profits from the sale of the coasters will go to support PTF projects.

These coasters make wonderful gifts for that hard-to buy-for person. They are also a great advertisement for CPLS when used on your desk at work.

An order form may be found below, or copies will be available in the school office. Please place the order form in an envelope with your money and leave it in the PTF box at school.

Questions? Call Tami Foster @ 379-0755.



## NEED A QUICK GIFT IDEA?

We still have books on audio tape in the library which would make great stocking stuffers or provide easy entertainment for holiday travelling. Titles remaining are Stuart Little and Once Upon a Forest. These are available in the library, while they last, for a library donation of \$5 or more. Call Margie Brown, Librarian.

## TISSUE SHORTAGE

It would be greatly appreciated if high school students would bring a new box of Kleenex tissue to the office. We are already out of our stash and we're just getting into flu season. Thank you for your generosity and consideration!

## UNIFORM FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Uniform Committee and administration recently approved the A+ brand, flat front, khaki pant for girls. It is cut in a way that is more flattering for some girls. (These pants are only available in older girls sizes.) The "SG" monogram must be stitched on the leg of the pant to be considered the approved uniform pant.

If you have already purchased these pants and they are not monogrammed, please take them to Spirit of the Game and they will monogram them for you free of charge.

Help us to honor our commitment to Spirit of the Game by wearing only approved uniform clothing. Please review the policy published in the handbook for clarification.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the uniform policy and vendor contracts to Stan Langhofer (slanghofer@juno.com).

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have heard from a lot of you asking about what we are doing as a committee. We are still in the fact-finding stage, and we do not intend to re-invent the wheel. Our mission is to help those who care about CPLS to share their time, talents, and gifts. It is not the intention of this committee to require volunteer hours.

As we investigate volunteer needs, we are encouraged and excited to see how many areas generous volunteers are already covering. We would love to hear from those of you who are volunteering. Please contact us and tell us what you are doing. We are researching current and potential volunteer opportunities in all areas of CPLS including day to day operations to facilities etc.

Although the committee is not responsible for filling individual volunteer needs, we are responsible for creating the structure to facilitate coordination of volunteers.

We welcome your ideas and input and especially appreciate written communications. We also look forward to scheduling an open forum for your input. Please contact any of the following:

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## FUN FACTS ABOUT FACULTY

DEB HANSON, HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER,  
LIKES TO WIND SURF.

# LIONS' ROAR

• Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Becky Bates and her husband Gordon are the proud new parents of baby Kinley Elisabeth Bates, born 12/4/03 at 12:55 p.m. She's a healthy 6 lb 1 oz, 19 inch long bundle of joy to her novice parents. CONGRATULATIONS!

• As the Madrigals attended the "Old Town Neighborhood Association" Christmas Party this past Friday evening, one patron was heard to say to a table mate, "The more I meet these people, the more I like that school." A toast to the Madrigals' ministry and to the work that Melody Congdon is doing as a representative of Cair Paravel among the Association members.

• Congratulations to our Junior High Bible Quizzing team who won two out of three matches against Eagle Heights and Abilene Baptist Academy.

Thanks to T.J. Waldy, Jaron Marcus, Nick Higgins, Sean Rende, Brett Lynch and Hunter Spees on the Junior High team and for the great effort by the elementary team, Christine Rende, Ryan Baker, Caleb Marcus, Ivy Marcus, Colin Herron.

• On Saturday, December 6, the High Q Team competed at Super Saturday on the Washburn Campus. Super Saturday is the qualifying round for the televised competition of the High Q tournament. Team members Rebekah Meek, Thomas Carr, Craig Congdon, Shane Marcus, and Ben Mooneyham scored 830, taking first place in 1A.

In addition to taking 1st, their score was well above the 795 cutoff for placement in the top 16. As a result, for the second year, the team will be a part of the televised portion of High Q to be taped in January or February. The taped contest will air on Fridays at 4:30 pm on WIBW-TV.

• Bailey Butler, Lacey Ebert, Kegan Love, Piper Robb, Chloe Spees, Amanda Stoller and Anna Wiese will be performing in Ballet Midwest's 27th annual performance of "The Nutcracker", December 19-21 at the Topeka Performing Arts Center.

## LIONS' LORE

### DEFINITIONS OF GRAMMAR, LOGIC AND RHETORIC

*Grammar:* The fundamental terms, rules and principles of each subject.

*Logic:* The ordered relationship of particulars in each subject.

*Rhetoric:* The clear and eloquent expression of the truths and principles of each subject.

## "THE NUTCRACKER"

Ballet Midwest presents its 27th annual performance of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, December 19-21, 2003.

Matinees times on Saturday and Sunday are 2:00 PM. Friday and Saturday evening performances are 8:00 PM.

Tickets prices are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students (age 2 through high school) and \$9.00 for seniors. Family packs may be purchased for \$28.00 (2 adult and 2 student tickets.)

## LOWER SCHOOL TO PRESENT "THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER"

The spring 2004 lower school musical will be The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. As this fun-filled musical unfolds, we share with Tom and his friends all of the rollicking and heart stopping adventures that we find in Twain's masterpiece, whether it's Tom tricking his friends into white washing the fence, crossing swords with schoolmaster Lemuel Dobbins, getting lost in McDougal's Cave, or taking on the Reverend Sprague in church this musical proves to be great family fun.

Students from grades 3-7 are eligible to tryout. Tryouts are December 11th and 12th after school in the theater. Be sure to sign-up for an audition time on the music room door before then. On December 8th, selected music and dialogue from the show will be available (by the sign-up sheet) for the auditions; however, students may audition with a song not from the show.

For auditions, students will sing a song ( be sure to bring accompaniment sheet music) and read selected dialogue (dialogue does not need to be memorized).

Parts will be posted by Dec.15. Cast meetings will be held on Dec. 16 and 18 where students will receive their scripts and rehearsal schedules.

January rehearsals will be after school until 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday., Thursday, Friday and a few selected Saturday afternoons. Dress rehearsals are Feb. 2-4 at 6:00 p.m.

***Show dates for The Adventures of Tom Sawyer are February 5th-7th at 7:00pm.***

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK...

...JAMES WALDY, DEAN OF FACULTY

### CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS MAKE FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As I have just finished a month long round of classroom observations, I have grown to appreciate all the more the great gift God has given to parents in the faculty that he has provided for our children. From Kindergarten to High School it has been a wonderful experience to sit in on class after class and observe caring and competent teachers who are assisting parents in the raising of their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

With four children of my own in school, I found some unique emotions welling up inside of me as I happened to observe various teachers or members of my own clan. I got a lump in my throat and watery eyes as I observed Dave Schneider leading students through a practical discussion of I Peter in Bible class. The realization that my own child was now sitting under the tutelage of one of the sharpest spiritual thinkers I have ever met provoked me to whisper, "Thank you, Lord." I found myself hoping that whatever the future vocation my son pursues in life, I pray he will do so with the dedication and enthusiasm that he cannot help but notice in Mike Huffman.

I also found my mind flooded with rhetorical questions which I am sure many of you could ask also. What parent wasn't warmed and humored by the Charlie Brown production put on by Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Higgins and the fourth graders? How wonderful is it to witness the decorum and excellence of the Madrigals as they travel from place to place ministering musically with Mrs. Greene? How great is it to see our students succeeding in High-Q competitions with James Seidel and Bible quiz meets with Sam Rende? Can any first grader exit Sue Jernigan's class without knowing God? Is there a more compassionate kindergarten teacher than Kathy Guenther? Can anyone read a book with more pathos than Margie Brown? When are the magazine editors going to find out what Deb Jorgensen's room looks like and put it on the cover of Classical Educator's Quarterly? What enrichment is the next one in store for the students who enjoy the creative mind of Wendy Keller? Is there a more nurturing second grade environment to be found than that provided by Jennifer Black?

I also found myself wishing parents could see the things that I witness regularly. Parents would be truly impressed to see students chanting history events and grammar jingles with Cathy Henley. To listen to the singing of Gaudeamus Igitur in Latin with Brett Martin makes one want to stand and join in. To witness the sheer nobility of spirit in Ancient Literature class with Steve Iliff or the depth of thought in Great Ideas with Jim Congdon or the sheer creativity in writing class with Daniel Driver would surely bring joy to the hearts of any observing parents. To see Mike Henry or Rhonda Aadalen fostering creative expression in art class, or Melanie Pohlenz and Becky Greene training students in music would provoke even greater appreciation of a sketch well done or a song well sung. Parents would see and appreciate some of the "old" as they watched Adriel Driver teach sentence diagramming, some of the "new" (that should have been old) as they watched Mike Haberkorn teach Logic, and some of the "wonderful" as they observed Raub Miller teach students to look observantly through a microscope.

We all realize that much has happened in the Cair Paravel family over the past couple of years. As a small community we have experienced various trials and tribulations. Indeed, we have never been devoid of various turmoils over these past twenty-plus years. I am reminded, however, that "the Lion's Share" of what happens at Cair Paravel has to do with what is happening in the classroom between teachers and students. To that I would confidently assert, "Things are well, and God is being glorified."

That is one reason that mine will be a Merry Christmas. I am realizing more fully than ever how great the gift is the God has given Tami and I to know that our children are spending their school days with the likes of Iraida Orr, Deb Hanson, Laura Simmons, Seth Garinger and others.

***God's blessings to you this Holiday Season!***



**CAIR PARAVEL-LATIN SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP  
COASTER ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD TO GIVE COASTERS TO FOR DELIVERY: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SETS \_\_\_\_\_ OF 4 COASTERS AT \$10.00 PER SET

TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ CHECK : NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ CASH

Sponsored by CPLS PTF. A coaster will be on display on the PTF information board outside the school office. Questions? Call Tami Foster at 379-0755.

**Where is he that is  
born King of the  
Jews? for we have  
seen his star in the  
east and are come to  
worship him.**

Matthew 2:2 - KJV

**...and wise men *still* seek him.**

