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Cair Paravel-Latin School aspires to become the premier classical Christian, liberal arts school in America

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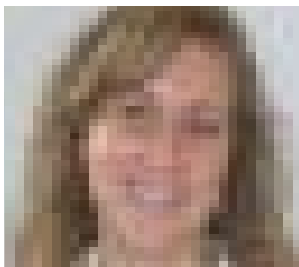
To cultivate classically trained, life-long learners, committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who will enrich their community and God's kingdom.



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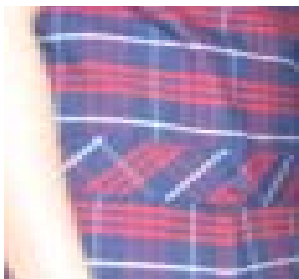
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On the Inside:



Mrs. Melody Congdon (right) assists in opening a freshman's locker on Monday, August 20th, the first day of school.

New Kids on the Block



Love That Plaid



Retreat Backslider?



Oh-Dark 30 Looks Like This

Retreat Lesson: "Not Easily Broken"

By Jarod Hay

The annual Senior High Retreat broke the rhythm of school on August 30-31, allowing students to know one another as they participated in games and grew spiritually.

This year's theme was "Not Easily Broken," and seniors used testimonies to show how God got them through tough times.

Students grew bonds of trust with such games as "Capture the Flag," "Fresher," "Mission Impossible," "The Watermelon Slide,"

"Mission Impossible was the best and the most fun. The Watermelon Slide was awesome!" said freshman Tyler Musa. Fellow frosh Kayla Cook and Anna Tague thought differently.

"It was absolutely dreadful. And I hate getting dirty," they said in unison.

This year's music was provided by Cameron Bernard and Josiah Swanson on guitars, James Iliff on drums, Jaron Marcus on piano, Christa Packard on violin, and Nicole Koopman.

Stuco Officers Named

Senior Jarod Hay was elected August 27th as student council president during high school convocation in the Stone Table Theater.

Junior Jeremy Wynne was chosen as vice-president, Ben Iliff was elected treasurer, and Jake Copp won the secretary's seat.

Prior to balloting, candidates were given an opportunity to sway the electorate with campaign speeches.

Both the seniors and sophomores also selected Stuco representatives for their twice-a-month meetings. Bailey Butler, Lacey Ebert, Sasha Greer, and Josiah Swanson will be senior Stuco reps, and Hillary Kline, Kaylee Cantrell, Nick Higgins, and Thomas Clauson will serve as sophomore reps.

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, the juniors selected Allison Lippe, Sarah Powell, Caitlyn Keller, and Emily Zurbuchen. The freshmen picked Zach Wipperman, Melissa Miller, T. J. Waldy, and Wesley Clauson to represent them on the Student Council.

New Faces At CPLS

By Sasha Greer

Mrs. Kathleen Mallory, the new CPLS chief administrator, comes to us from Hampton, Virginia, but is a native of Canada. She has had 16 years of experience in a classroom and 17 years as a school administrator.



Mrs. Mallory said she loves to exercise and ride her bike.

Not-so-new to CPLS is Shelley Setchell, who teaches Spanish. Setchell, a 1997 CPLS graduate, filled in last year during Mrs. Ellis' maternity leave, and has now taken the job full-time.



Setchell organized a program in Topeka teaching Spanish to elementary children of Hispanic immigrants who want to learn English without losing their Spanish fluency.

Mr. William Baron, the new science teacher, was born in San Diego, California, and attended junior college there. He then went on to Humboldt University, "where it is emerald green all year long." He finished up his college career at Iowa State.

While at Iowa State, William was married and had a son, Josiah, now a 6th grader in



Mrs. Key's class. In June of 1998, when Josiah was only two years old, Mr. Baron's wife died of pancreatic cancer. He was remarried about a year later to his wife Cathy.

Opinion

The Great Uniform Debate

By Katelyn Cook

One of the most debated topics at Cair Paravel is the subject of uniforms. The CPLS School Board, numerous parents committees, and teachers have hashed and rehashed the topic for a number of years.

What do students think of uniforms? Though they are necessary, they are a pain. They cost a great deal, and it is sometime difficult for large families to afford to spend literally hundreds of dollars on uniforms alone. This cost, along with the price of tuition, is often too much and puts off many potential students.

Some may argue that uniforms are repressive and do not allow students to express themselves properly, making us all into little identical clones. Others say that uniforms are uncomfortable, and it could be difficult to find the right size for a growing teenager.

On the other hand, wearing uniforms are necessary because without them, many of us might



dress inappropriately and give a bad impression of our school. Our uniforms do set us apart. They eliminate the morning rush, and help keep the focus on school and studies, and not on who is wearing what today.

In response, some disagree by saying that only a few people are so preoccupied with fashion that it distracts them from school.

One possible solution is a strict dress code, though admittedly this would be difficult to enforce.

Maybe someday the rules will change and we will be given some more freedom. But until then, we will have to deal with uniforms.

We're Baaaack!

August 20th was a day to be dreaded for some, and a day of excitement for others. Here are some reactions from students on their first day back:

"The first day of school is like when a bird first leaves the nest. It's a little painful, but in the end it's a good thing."

Thomas Clauson, sophomore



"It was exhilarating, like seeing your very own pony for the first time."

Allison Lippe, junior



"It's like when you have a birthday party and your parents tell your friends not to bring any presents."

Jake Copp,



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What's Your Favorite Class

We asked 24 CPLS students which class they like best. Here are the results:

Creative Writing	4
Spanish	3
Art History	2
Lunch	2
Study Hall	2

11 others tied with 1 each

“Getting To Know You, Getting to Know All About You”

By Cassie Remington

The CPLS family is blessed to have 4 new students in the upper school this year. They are:

Dalton McCoy (Freshman)

I'm super pretty, and I like basketball. Before Cair Paravel, I went to Flint Hills Christian School. I like Hollister, their cologne is amazing. I like this school because the people are nice except Cassie. My favorite color is blue, white, and silver. My favorite band is Maroon 5, and I like Nickleback, too.



Trevin Leach (Freshman)

I like sports, my favorites are soccer and basketball. I like to play X-box. Before Cair Paravel, I went to Topeka Collegiate, and Topeka Lutheran School before Topeka Collegiate. My favorite color is red, and my favorite band is Lincoln Park. I like watching movies, and my favorite movie is Anchorman. I have four dogs, two brothers, Mason and Janson.



David Zhang (Junior)

I like surfing the internet, and reading Chinese books. I like to listen to music. My favorite bands are Chinese bands. I like to swim, play badminton. I am from the province of Sizchuan. Chengdu is the city.



Jordan Mentzer

I went to Heritage Christian School before I came to Cair Paravel. I went to England with the school this summer. I knew Melissa Currence from Heritage. I don't have a favorite color. I like all the colors and how they fit together. I listen to my iPod, but I don't have a favorite band. I have a younger brother who is 12, and a little sister who is 4.



Jiraphan Suporn Junior

I am from Thailand. I like to play badminton, volleyball, and basketball. My favorite color is pink. I have a younger brother who is still in Thailand. I came to America because I want to study the English language and culture, and to make new friends.



The Food Dude

By Nick Pohlenz

Taco Casa, on the corner of 6th Street and Washburn, this small locally owned Mexican cafe is a classic for students of Cair Paravel to walk to and eat without driving in lunch break traffic. Recently I chose to take an easy open lunch and walk down to this restaurant.

To my surprise I found that my friends and I were able to immediately place an order. But as we waited 25 minutes for our order, I realized that we just came at the wrong time. When the food arrived, the low prices matched the fact we didn't waste time trying to drive through traffic to get there.

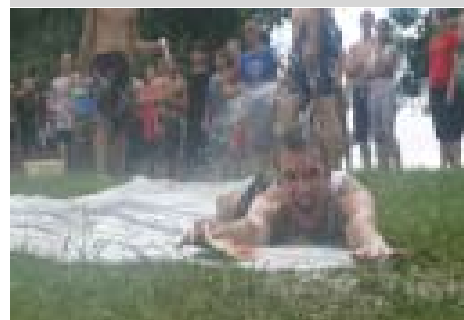
If you don't want to drive, don't want to spend a lot, or can't beat the lunch rush at Wendy's, you can come and get a mild side of the border and pay less for the walk there too.

I give it 2 napkins out of 4.



Freshmen Hillary Shafer, Katie and Kayla Cook, Anna Tague, Haley Paulson, and 8th grader Taylor Jorgenson take the initial lead at the 5K run at Lake Shawnee August 25th.

Picture of the Month



Junior Jamison Shafer finds out what it means to slip-slide away at the Senior High Retreat.

Fund Raiser Pulls Down \$10,000 for Athletic Department

By Lacey Ebert and Alex Sharp

Saturday, August 25th, 77 parents, teachers, teens, and kids gathered at Shawnee Lake for a 5K run and a one mile walk to raise money for the CPLS Athletic Department.

Another 96 golfers spent that afternoon whacking around the Lake Shawnee Golf Course for the same cause.

Together, the fundraisers pulled in over \$10,000.

Donnie Poulmer, the winner of the 5K race, said, "The race was fun. It was hard running by myself for once."

Poulmer is the coach of Topeka West's track team.

Another runner, CPLS freshman Grayson Stewart, said, "It was fun, slightly harder than soccer practice."

Mr. Seidel put the race in algebraic terms: "5K = 3.1 miles long."

Mr. Williams, CPLS Great Ideas teacher, took 7th in the race, following junior Lucas Bider across the finish line. In between puffs from the oxygen tank, Williams lamented, "I don't run short distances enough, and Lucas' legs were too long."

Several local businesses donated gift certificates and memberships as awards to the winners and door prizes.

Soccer Team Starts 2-0

The CPLS Soccer squad opened its season against Immaculata High School of Leavenworth and came away with an 8-0 victory.

This year's team is unusually young. While there are two seniors (Andrew Lippe and Jaron Marcus), Coach Mark Congdon has only two sophomores, seven freshmen, three 8th graders, and two 7th graders to put on the field.

"They have surpassed my expectations," Congdon said. He added that with such a young team, he is looking forward to a lot of potential improvement during the season.

This past Tuesday, CPLS journeyed to Olathe to take on the OCS Eagles, and came away with a 4-2 victory.

Practicing in the Early Dark

Coach Seth Garinger decided to move the team's practices to 6:30 every morning to get his team out of the hot August sun.

The Lions now practice right across from the school, which also reduces the chances of auto accidents, which was a problem in previous years, when the team practiced at Hope School. "I love it, I really enjoy having my afternoons free," said sophomore Nick Higgins.

The Lions open their 2007 season tonight at Veritas. CPLS is coming off a 7-3 season, but must replace six seniors.



It's just a little past 7:00 am, and already the Lions are working on their kickoff coverage for their first game Friday against Veritas.



Sophomore Ryan Baker secures a pass and heads upfield against Immaculata.

Netters Begin Season

By Emily Pendergrass

The Lady Lions had a "great game" in their opening match August 27.

Coach Phil Parker said his varsity team played very well for not having as much practice as Manhattan Chiefs, who had played nine games all ready. The girls lost to Manhattan 1-3, but had many good plays, including a Bailey Butler hit that left a dent in the floor, according to Coach Parker.

This past Tuesday, the Lions ventured to the Sports Zone for a triangular match with ACCHS and Oskaloosa. ACCHS downed CPLS 2-0 and Oskaloosa took the measure of the Lions 2-1.

The JV team also lost to Manhattan 1-2, and was blanked by both ACCHS and Oskaloosa, but played very well for not having much time to practice.

Coach Parker said, "The girls played well last year, so I am going to be expecting a lot more out of them this year."

The Junior High team also fell to Manhattan 1-2, but played well for

Scoreboard		
Soccer		
CPLS	8	Immaculata 0
CPLS	4	Olathe Christian 2
Varsity Volleyball		
CPLS	1	Manhattan Chiefs 3
CPLS	0	ACCHS 2
CPLS	1	Oskaloosa 2
JV Volleyball		
CPLS	1	Manhattan Chiefs 2
CPLS	0	ACCHS 2
CPLS	0	Oskaloosa 2
Jr. High Volleyball		
CPLS	1	Manhattan Chiefs 2



Senior Kristin Payne hammers a spike back across the net during Tuesday's triangular match with ACCHS and Oskaloosa at the Sports Zone.

having five new players on their team. Coach Sam Rende said, "They have good potential with some more work."

Rende added the team is working on their three goals for the season: three hits, serves, and talking to each other on the court.