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CPLS Mission

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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Perfection!

Lions Hit the Big Time KCAA Title Game Set For Hummer Sports Park

by Jarod Hay

An agreement was reached at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon that will allow CPLS to play its state championship football game with St. Mary's Academy at 6:00 Saturday evening on the astroturf at Hummer Park.

"We are very, very excited to be playing the biggest football game in the history of CPLS," said coach Seth Garinger.

Garinger confirmed Wednesday that he and Assistant Coach James Waldy had been in constant contact with USD 501 officials for the past few weeks in an attempt to secure

**"This is the biggest game in the history of CPLS."
Seth Garinger, Football Coach and Athletic Director**

the rights to use Hummer Park, a field that Garinger called, "the nicest field in the state of Kansas."

Finally, 501 Sports Park Director Rick Benke gave the OK Wednesday afternoon.



Garinger was ecstatic. "It's the great culmination of a huge year. Getting to play the KCAA championship game on this field takes us to the next level," Garinger said.

CPLS will be able to make use of Hummer's press box, scoreboard, and locker rooms. Even though the cost of renting Hummer is high, Garinger said, "A game of this magnitude is well worth it."

As for the game itself, Garinger said it will be a typical smash-mouth game with St. Marys. (See sports section for details).



CPLS football fans will witness history Saturday night as their undefeated football team plays in the KCAA Championship game in the Hummer Park football stadium.

Madrigals Sing for Scholarships

by Jackson Swain

The CPLS madrigals, under the direction of Mrs. Becky Greene, will perform in the annual Stacie Beavers Showcase Concert Monday, November 5, 2007.

The concert will take place at Washburn University's White Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

They will join musical groups from Shawnee Heights, the Silver Lake, Seaman, Highland Park, Washburn Rural, Hayden, Topeka High, and Topeka West.

For the last 28 years, the Stacie Beavers Concert has raised money for scholarships at Washburn University.

Adult tickets are \$5 at the concert hall, while children under 11 are admitted free.

All Aboard for 'The Music Man'

Tickets are on sale now for the CPLS musical production of "The Music Man". Performances begin November 8 and run through November 17 in the Stone Table Theater.

The evening shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$4.00 for balcony seats and \$7.00 for lower level seats. Tickets may be purchased before opening night at the school office. The remaining seats will be sold at the door.



The last pep rally at CPLS was held in the 2004-2005 school year, when this year's seniors were freshmen.

Time for a Pep Rally?

by Grayson Stewart

For those students who have never experienced one, a Pep Rally is a gathering of people, typically high school students, before a sports event. The purpose of such a gathering is to encourage school spirit and to support members of the school sports teams.

The last Lion's Pep Rally was three years ago. Some student say they have not missed a thing by not having a pep rally; our school spirit is fine. Do we need a pep rally to inspire our teams?

For other students, a pep rally would be a fun break from our studies

and a positive way to encourage our athletes.

The cheerleaders have attempted pep rallies in previous years, could it be that the time for a pep rally is long overdue?

Getting a big event like this started isn't easy. The cheerleaders must plan out every minute of the gathering, they have to get the time approved, and come up with the events, the music, and the games.

Then there's the job of seeing that it all happens on schedule, and the cleanup afterwards.

It would be a lot of fun.

But, would it ultimately be worth it? Do we need a pep rally to win our games?

Maybe not, but it couldn't hurt. Would somebody give it a try?

The Road to a Merit Scholarship

by Ashley Estrada

The clock is ticking, your mind is racing. Sweat breaks out on your brow. You're thinking, "When did we learn this?" What are you doing?

Taking the PSAT, of course. CPLS sophomores and juniors took the PSAT on Oct. 17 in the CPLS mod pods from 8:30 until noon.

Junior Sarah Stone took the stress in stride.

"I guess it wasn't too bad. It seemed a little easier, since I took it my sophomore year, too," Stone said.

CPLS seniors and some juniors also took the ACT on Oct. 27. Senior Emily Carlson said, "I didn't like that I had to take it on a Saturday, but overall it wasn't as bad as I thought it might be."

Why are these two tests required for these students to take? Mrs. Melody Congdon, CPLS counselor, said these tests are key to getting into college.

"The PSAT is important in establishing Nation Merit Scholars, and the ACT is one of the most important tests you take since your acceptance to college as well as scholarship opportunities are based on these tests."

Mrs. Congdon added the PSAT scores may be known sometime in the winter, and the ACT scores could possibly be back in 2-3 weeks.

Opinion

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What's Your Favorite TV Show?

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"Smallville"
Rachel Gardner
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"Lost"
Laurel Sutton
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"Lost"
Josiah Swanson
Senior

Picture of the Month

An unidentified alien learns that Mr. Seidel has scheduled a pop quiz. Although his identity was not revealed, this alien was wearing a CPLS football jersey with "21" on the back.



"Blue Men" Wow Crowd

by Alex Sharp

The Blue Man Group came to Topeka and performed a live concert Tuesday, October 18 at the Expocentre.

While some might argue against their theme, "You, too, can become a rock star," few can say they don't put on an intriguing show.

A few students from Cair Paravel attended the concert, including junior Caleb Tague.

"They just randomly begin beating on stuff," Tague said.

The entertainment started at 8:00 p.m. and ended two hours later. During that time, the three main performers, who never uttered a word, appeared wearing blue facial makeup and impersonated aliens trying to become successful rockstars.

The way the "aliens" played their music was remarkable.

The instruments they played were made of PVC pipe tubes that were cut at different lengths for different pitches. They also swung what looked like fishing poles in the air which made loud swooshing sounds.

During an informal survey of the student body, many CPLS students have heard of Blue Man Group, which formed in 1987. They've been featured on IBM television ads and various TV programs and even movies.

"Their music is good but they are kind of unusual," sophomore Hannah Cox said.

While it shouldn't be our goal in life to be a rock star, I definitely recommend this band to people who



This Blue Man Group CD illustrates the sights and sounds of their performance. Alex Sharp and his father won tickets to a recent Blue Man Group Concert by dressing up as Blue Men.

CPLS Grads Take the Stage at K-State

by Sasha Greer

A quartet of CPLS grads will take the stage at K-State November 15-19, in the classic musical, *The Fiddler on the Roof*.

CPLS class of '04 alumni Michael Wieser and Griff Letch portray Tevye and Lazar Wolf, denizens of the Russian village of Anatevka in the early 1900s. They will be joined on stage by Matt Patton (CPLS '06), who plays Perchik, a revolutionary beau for Tevye's daughter, and 2007 grad Kyle Myers, who recreates Mordechai the innkeeper.

"It is a beautiful heart-warming show that everyone should go and see," Patton said.

"I enjoyed getting know my high school friends even better at college," Myers said with a smile.

Tickets for the performances, which begin at 7:00 p.m. in McCain Auditorium, are \$15 for adults.

Finding a Quick Slice of Life

by Nick Pohlenz
"The Food Dude"

For some reason, nothing can seem to beat the taste of a pizza. One problem: a pizza at a restaurant or anywhere really can take almost hour to cook and be served.

Lucky for me because of our school's open lunch on Fridays allowed me to get away to the downtown Pizza Hut buffet. I was impressed with the pay-and-go quickness for the buffet which took no time in line or to find a table.

Situated at 10th and Topeka, this Pizza Hut is only a five-minute drive from CPLS and offers a large number of tables, a lot of food, and some close parking.

Though some can knock the flavor or quality of their food, no one can skip



an unlimited pizza buffet with dessert dishes, too!

For a chain restaurant, you also can't beat the price for a close and quick buffet! Even though it is downtown, this Pizza Hut was quick to serve us and had plenty of empty tables for large groups.

To my surprise, the cashier and employees greeted us with a smile and even recognized our team's football jerseys, and congratulated our school on our huge streak of victories.

For a chain restaurant in the hustle and bustle of Capital City, this one pizza place can still stand a foot taller in my book. As I said nothing beat a pizza...except a faster pizza.

I give it four out of four napkins.



A determined Jake Copp hauls in a pass enroute to a 69-yard touchdown during the 2nd quarter of Tuesday's KCAA playoff game against Veritas.

Undefeated Lions Seek Championship

by Ben Iliff

The CPLS football team is in a position that few others can claim: it is undefeated and playing for its league championship.

The Lions reached this pinnacle by literally destroying 9 opponents during the season.

They've scored 350 points, and allowed only 84. That's an average victory margin of 39-9.

Saturday evening at 6:00, they seek revenge for last year's narrow loss to St. Marys Academy in the championship game against the Crusaders.

CPLS downed St. Marys last week 26-14 to end the regular season, then knocked off Veritas 54-6.

It will be the final game for five seniors: Ben Iliff, Jarod Hay, Cameron Bernard, Josiah Swanson, and Dustin Hayes.

Their final appearance in a Lion uniform will be spiced up by the game



Senior Bailey Butler hammers one home on Senior Night against Heritage.

Scoreboard Soccer (7-7)

CPLS 3	Sunrise 2
CPLS 1	KC East 2
CPLS 2	Junction City 1 (OT)
CPLS 7	Heritage 0
CPLS 4	Word of Life 0
CPLS 1	WAHAA 2

Varsity Volleyball (11-15)

CPLS 0	Omaha Warriors 2
CPLS 0	KC East 2
CPLS 1	Veritas 2
CPLS 2	Perry Lecompton 1
CPLS 0	Bishop Ward 2
CPLS 0	Silver Lake 2
CPLS 0	Immaculata 2
CPLS 0	Atchison 2
CPLS 2	Olathe Christian 0
CPLS 2	Flint Hills 0
CPLS 3	Heritage 0
CPLS 3	Manhattan Chiefs 2
CPLS 2	Derby Invasion 0
CPLS 0	Veritas 2
CPLS 2	Olathe Christian 0

JV Volleyball (3-13)

CPLS 0	Blue Valley 2
CPLS 1	KC Christian 2
CPLS 0	St. Thomas Aquinas 2
CPLS 2	Heritage Christian 1
CPLS 0	Manhattan Chiefs 2

Jr. High Volleyball (2-9)

CPLS 1	KC North 2
CPLS 0	Veritas 2
CPLS 0	Maranatha 2
CPLS 1	Manhattan Chiefs 1

Varsity Football (9-0)

CPLS 98	Heartland Christian 18
CPLS 36	Wichita Trinity 20
CPLS 56	Wichita Sunrise 18
CPLS 26	St. Marys Academy 14
CPLS 54	(KCAA) Veritas 6

Jr. High Football (8-0)

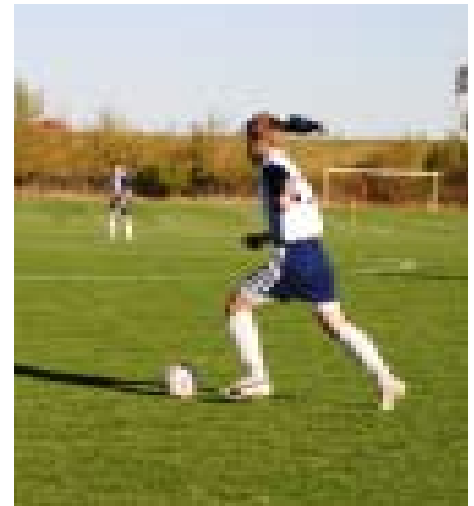
CPLS 42	Burlingame 0
CPLS 48	St. Mary's Academy 0
CPLS 44	Wichita Trinity 6

Bye Bye to Six Senior Spikers

On Senior Night, CPLS bid farewell to seniors Kristin Payne, Emily Carlson, Juliana Melin, Bailey Butler, Claire Albrect and Nicki Power.

Those leaders took the Lady Lions to the KCAA tournament, where they triumphed in their opening round game against Derby, then lost 2 close games to Veritas in the semifinals.

The Ladies came back to nip Olathe Christian for 3rd place. Senior Nicki Power was named to the All-Tournament team.



Freshman Harrison Petrik passes the ball downfield against Heritage.

CPLS Brings Home 2nd Place Trophy

by Sam Armfield

Seniors Jaron Marcus and Andrew Lippe will remember their Senior Night as the time they swamped Heritage.

"We totally kicked 'em," Lippe said.

The Heritage win followed on the heels of victories over Sunrise and Junction City, and sent the Lions into the KCAA tournament last weekend with momentum.

CPLS won the first round game with Word of Life 4-0, but fell to WAHAA 2-1 in the championship game.

"Our kids fought hard and didn't give up when they were behind. It took WAHAA's best effort to beat us," coach Mark Congdon said after the

Young Lions Roar

Led by a potent offense and a stifling defense, the CPLS Jr. High football squad ended its season with a 44-6 win over Wichita Trinity, capping an undefeated 8-0 season.

The Lions were led by halfback Jesse Nigus, who Coach James Waldy called a "man-child who scores every time he touches the ball."

The Junior Varsity volleyball girls showed good improvement throughout the season, topping Heritage Christian and playing Manhattan close in their season finale.

The Junior High volleyball squad one-upped their older sisters by downing the Manhattan Chiefs in their final game of the year.