

CPLS Vision

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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.



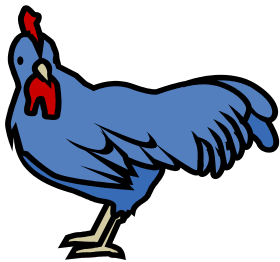
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Photo courtesy of Cindy Packard

Coach James Seidel prepares the Cpls Quest team for this year's competition.

The Quest for No. 1

Lions Finish on Top at Washburn Meet

"What is the inverse sine of the sine of pi divided by 4?"

If you can answer that question, you belong on Cpls Quest team. The Quest crew brought home the first place trophy for Class 1A schools during last weekend's Quest competition at Washburn University.

The high finish means that Cpls has won the competition among the state's smallest schools for the past six years.

However, the high finish does not mean the Cpls team will appear on TV this winter during head-to-head competition.

Quest advisor James Seidel said that because of recent rule changes, stronger teams from larger schools from across the state are taking part in the Washburn event. The tougher competition elbowed Cpls out of the Sweet 16.

Nevertheless, Seidel was encouraged by the Quest team's showing.

"We really did well. I was impressed," he said.

Questions at Quest competitions range across the academic spectrum, from Mythology, Literature, Math, History, Sports, and Current Events.

This year's Quest team is made up of seniors Nicole Koopman, Andrew Lippe, and Christa Packard; junior Sam Blasi; sophomore Amanda Nigus; and freshman Patrick DeDonder.

New Location Found for Silver Bells

By Melissa Miller

Silver Bells is just around the corner, and Student Council has been making some changes to the annual event.

This year, the dancing and games will be held at Miller's Glen Town Hall instead of Washburn University.

The festivities run from 7:00-11:00 Saturday, Dec. 22.

The Miller's Glen site is available through the help of the Lippe family. Not only will the hall already be decorated for Christmas with a lot of parking, Cpls gets use of the facility for free.

Tickets and registration for the fun are available in the office.

In Memoriam

Joe Domme, who taught 8th graders the fox trot, polka, and waltz steps from 2000-2006, died Nov. 27 in Georgia.

Domme, who was known for his unique ways of motivating students on the dance floor, had operated a dance studio in Topeka for 65 years.

Domme came to Cpls at the invitation of Mr. James Waldy, who brought him in to prepare 8th grade students for the annual Victorian Ball.

He will be remembered for his enthusiasm, skill, and empathy for clumsy-footed students, including those adults who took dancing lessons from him.

Domme is survived by a daughter, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

"He was a perfect example of how to live life to its fullest, and he carried himself well," Mr. Waldy said of Domme.

Dodgeball Postponed

The dodgeball tournament that had been scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed until January.

Teams wishing to take part in the tournament--which can include non-Cpls participants--can do so by registering in the office.

Finding a Cure for Dripsy

By Katelyn Cook

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Ms. Shelly Setchell are no longer concerned about when they will kick the bucket.

The two teachers, who share the western modpod, had been used to literally dodging buckets set up to catch the water during rainstorms.

However, through the help of a dozen or so CPLS dads, the drippy, leaky roof in the modpod building has finally been fixed.

For quite a while in Mrs. Smith and Miss Setchell's rooms, there were leaks so bad that they had to put trash cans under the leaks when it rained so the room wouldn't get wet. There were two leaks in Mrs. Smith's room, but about 6 in Miss Setchell's.

The roof is the original one from when the school bought the used modpods about 10 years ago.

Mr. Greg Hiebert, who has children at CPLS, came up with the idea that several fathers should be

able to repair the roof in order to save the school money.

Once that idea was adopted, CPLS secretary Mrs. Christine Myers sent out an e-mail requesting men with construction experience to volunteer.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, a dozen men showed up to re-roof the building. We owe a special debt of thanks to Rick Petrik, Jon Rollenhagen, Greg Hiebert, Chad Graber, James Waldy, Mike Ball, Kevin Wipperman, Brad Cox, Doug Jorgenson, Mike Haberkorn, Doug Walker, Steve Cook, and Tim Gardner, who showed up to help. They worked from 7:30 to 2:30 with no official lunch break.

Their sacrifice of time and energy saved our school about \$2,000.

"I'm glad that it has been taken care of," Mrs. Smith said.

"They're fabulous. I'm sure the students greatly appreciate not getting rained on," Ms. Setchell added.

"It was a real blessing to have one of our parents come up with the idea that our men should be able to do this project and then watch them work together so efficiently and positively," Mrs. Kathleen Mallory, CPLS chief administrator, said.



Photos by Mike Haberkorn

The roof crew is hard at work tearing off the roofing of the west modpod.



After tearing off the old roofing, the men apply new plywood and tarpaper.



The old shingles and tarpaper is chucked over the roof into a waste container.

Opinion

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What's Your Favorite Meal?

We asked 40 students about their favorite CPLS lunch. Chicken seemed to be the dominant preference. Here are the results:

- Chicken Nuggets – 16
- Chicken Strips - 5
- Chicken Fried Steak – 3
- Chicken Fajita – 3
- Stuffed-Crust Pizza – 3
- Taco Bar – 2
- Taco Burger – 2
- Taco Salad – 2
- Crispito - 2
- Cheeseburger – 1
- Drumstick – 1





Photo illustration by Mike Haberkorn

The Wendy's at 8th and Topeka is known for its speed in getting food to CPLS students on open lunch Fridays.

Faster Than a Speeding French Fry

By Nick Pohlenz, "The Food Dude"

We've all been around long enough to know the chaos and fill of the downtown lunch rush at the quickest place of them all, Wendy's. This chain burger joint, though, is still very different than its counterparts on this side of the city. The 8th and Topeka store is insanely efficient and quick, beating all near burger chains in speed and satisfying customers.

If you pay the downtown Wendy's a visit, don't be discouraged by any sort of line or wait in front of you to order. The lunch crew are elite, trained for 12:00 lunch hour, and never have taken any time at all to fill orders. This Wendy's in particular welcomes Cair Paravel students. And for the place that put the fast in fast food, the management exceeds expectations by keeping the restaurant clean all day.

Regarding the menu, Wendy's has always had a wide selection of choices, from light and easy chicken sandwiches and salads, to hardy Baconators and ¾ pound burgers.

Even though the food might not really be "fresh, never frozen", I have to give this particular burger joint 3 out of 4 napkins.

Drummers Help Lions Beat Crusaders

By Alex Sharp

Like the 17-year cicada, the CPLS drum line emerged from hibernation to rev up the crowd at the KCAA Championship football game at Hummer Park Nov. 3.

Instead of a game punctuated only by cheers, the drumbeat seemed to be welcome music to fans ears.

"They were amazing. I loved them," said senior Andrew Lippe.

Facebook: Fun or Foolishness?

When Seven Hours a Day is Not Enough

By Grayson Stewart

Facebook is the place for students who find that seven hours a day of visiting with their friends just isn't enough.

For the uninformed, Facebook is a social website on the internet that literally has captivated thousands of Topeka teens.

Many CPLS teens have abandoned MySpace for the iLike Music applications and the Honesty Box messages of Facebook. Facebook seems to offer a safer online environment than MySpace, which has been in the news

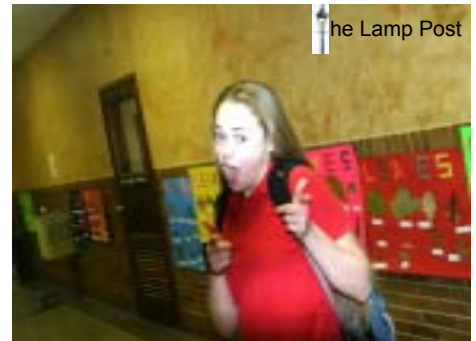


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recently as a haven for predators.

The website allows anyone to write a message on another person's "wall" that others can read, or send private messages to someone's inbox, much like e-mail.

But there's more things to burn up time on Facebook. You can play games on the website while checking out which of your friends is online and



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"Right back at ya, Emily!"

Picture of the Month

then sending them an Instant Message.

One feature that makes Facebook safer is that you don't have to accept anyone's message as a friend if you don't want to. Only your friends can see your profile and send you messages.

Facebook is a step above e-mail in that you can see pictures of who you are corresponding with.

"It's an alternative to using the phone," said freshman Jordan Mentzer.

"It gets annoying having to check all the time, but sorta fun while it lasts," added freshman Harrison Petrik.

There's a downside to Facebook, though. It eats up precious study time in often meaningless drivel.

"It's just a waste of time," noted junior David Zhang.

Even though its safer than MySpace, there are still evil people in the world who can use Facebook to lure the innocent.

For those without a computer or Facebook, how can they keep in touch with their buddies?

Ever heard of a telephone?



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Mr. Mark Congdon, CPLS alum and former teacher, is one of the percussionists making noise for the Lions during the KCAA Championship game.

Lady Lions Head to Tri-City Tonite

The CPLS Lady Lions hit the road again tonight for a matchup with Tri-City.

Last year, CPLS defeated the Crusaders 54-47 in the Lions' gym.

The Lions are 1-2, following last weekend's tournament at Burlingame.

In the Burlingame tourney, CPLS easily handled Cornerstone 43-32 on Thursday.

On Friday, however, they led most of the game before host Burlingame caught them in the 4th quarter. The score was nip and tuck, with Koopman and Keller providing clutch shooting to take the game to overtime.

Koopman's desperation three-pointer at the buzzer went into the bucket but rimmed back out, giving the Bearcats a 46-43 win.

On Saturday, the Waverly Bulldogs took the measure of the undersized Lions 66-26.

The Ladies are led in scoring by senior Nicole Koopman (13 ppg) and junior Caitlyn Keller (12.3 ppg).



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Senior guard Emily Carlson converts a steal into a breakaway layup against Burlingame last weekend.

Alums Return to Site of Former Glories

Lions of old will roam the court Friday night, Dec. 21, for the annual Varsity-Alumni volleyball and basketball games.

The festivities begin at 6:00 with a dinner, followed by a volleyball game, and a women's and a men's basketball game.

The money raised by the Alumni game funds senior projects.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Senior tight end Jarod Hay snags a 55-yard TD pass in the first quarter to put the Lions up 8-0 over St. Marys.

A Perfect Ending to a Perfect Season

The Cair Paravel Lions capped an undefeated 2007 season with a 38-12 shellacking of archrival St. Marys Academy Nov. 3rd to win the KCAA football crown.

The victory marked the first time the CPLS varsity has ever defeated St. Marys in football.

The game, which was played on the astroturf at Hummer Park, was dominated from the start by the Lions, who were led by junior quarterback Jeremy Wynne.

Wynne ran for two TDs and threw for three more, including a 55-yard strike to senior tight end Jarod Hay on the Lion's second play from scrimmage.

"This was a dream season for us," coach Seth Garinger said.

"We came so close last year and lost in the championship to St. Mary's, and ever since that day we've been preparing ourselves to go out and play good football this year," he added.

"This was just an absolute culmination of a beautiful season for us."

The Lions, who lose five seniors, finished the year with a perfect 10-0 mark.

Scoreboard	
Varsity Football (10-0)	
KCAA Championship Game	
CPLS 38	St. Marys Academy 12
Varsity Girls Basketball (1-2)	
CPLS 43	Cornerstone 32
CPLS 43	Burlingame 46 (OT)
CPLS 26	Waverly 66
Varsity Boys Basketball (3-0)	
CPLS 61	Cornerstone 34
CPLS 59	Burlingame 48
CPLS 51	Waverly 50

Quick Start Fuels Lions

By Ben Iliff

The CPLS Lions hope to keep their 3-0 record unblemished tonight as they travel to Independence, Missouri to take on the Tri-City Crusaders.

The Lions are looking to win their 3rd consecutive KCAA title, and 4th in the past 5 years, for second year coach Jason Sellers.

The Lions lost three seniors from last years state championship team including Greyson Honaker, Eric Packer, the team's leading rebounder and Gabe Letch, its leading scorer.

"We lost a lot, but I think we're a lot faster this year," said Coach Sellers.

That speed was evident last weekend as the Lions roared to three wins in the Burlingame tournament.

The Lions pounded Cornerstone last Tuesday 61-34, despite missing their first 17 shots.

Burlingame was their next victim, falling 59-48 to CPLS.

In the finals last Saturday, junior guard Jeremy Wynne dropped in a pair of clutch free throws to ice a 51-50 victory over the highly-regarded Waverly Bulldogs.

The Lions are led by junior forward Lucas Bider, who averages 14 points per game.

Wynne is close behind at 13.6, and senior center Jarod Hay gives adds 11 points per game.



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

Junior forward Taylor Petrik drives the lane but misses a shot against Cornerstone. The Lions won despite missing their first 17 shots.