



# The Lamp Post

### CPLS Vision

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

### 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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### David vs. Goliath



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### She SCOOOOOORES!



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Alice (Ashley Estrada) tries to reason with the March Hare (Alex Sharp) during the Mad Hatter's Tea Party scene in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

## Alice Drops Into Narnia

By Melissa Currence

CPLS' version of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* premiered last night in the Stone Table Theater.

Drama director Mr. Trent Leach adapted Lewis Carroll's classic children's book for the stage.

"It was fairly easy. I just used Carroll's own words and put them on stage so I didn't find it that challenging," Leach said.

Ashley Estrada portrays Alice, who falls down a rabbit hole to meet interesting characters in Wonderland. Each time she uses earthly reasoning to converse with The Caterpillar (Elica Loganbill), Humpty Dumpty (Isaac Conner), and the twin brothers Tweedledee (Caleb Tague), and Tweedledum (Wesley Clauson), the denizens of Wonderland turn her logic on its head.

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* continues tonight and tomorrow, and next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m.

## School Filled With Grandparents

This year's Grandparents' Day festivities drew more than 300 relatives to CPLS on Holy Thursday, April 9.

Grandparents' Day, which has been a fixture at the school since the mid-1990s, gives relatives of CPLS students a chance to become familiar with the school and connect with them.

The event began with a get-together coffee, and then grandparents were allowed to sit in on classroom activities for 90 minutes.

By mid-morning, all the visitors were summoned to the CPLS gym, where a number of classes provided entertainment, and the CPLS Madrigals performed.

Because of the special events and religious significance of the day, classes were dismissed at 11:30 so that grandparents could take their students to lunch and start the Easter holiday weekend.



Photo by Anna Carlson

Seniors Sam Blasi and Jake Copp present their MAACS Reader's Theater performance during Grandparents' Day.

# Opinions

## Don't Be Fooled By Our Size!

Special to the Lamp Post  
By Mr. Brett Martin

To quote Aesop...

*"Fortuna nobis vi animi tantum frenabitur* – the level of our success is limited only by our imagination.

This is the theme for the National Junior Classical League (NJCL) for the current year. Our CPLS chapter of JCL has met each month this year with these words of Aesop in mind. These are especially important for us now as we prepare to attend the Kansas JCL Convention at Lawrence High School on Saturday, May 2.

Last year, we attended the state convention for the first time. Our small band of Narnians, unsure of what lay ahead, traveled to Lawrence with myself and Mr. Williams. We got out of the suburbans and gazed upon the sprawling mass that is Lawrence High.

Before we entered, I reminded the students that we were "small but mighty," that though we were small in age and number, we could compete with the larger schools in attendance.

And compete we did. We contended with schools from Lawrence and the Kansas City metro, all of which were 5A and 6A class schools.

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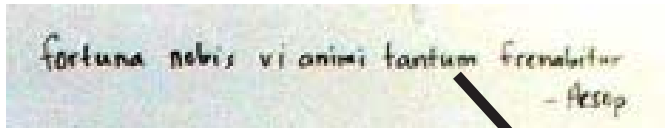
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We competed in Latin oratory, Latin sight reading, certamen (think Scholars' Bowl with all the questions relating to classical antiquity), visual arts, and a variety of academic tests on Roman history and culture, mythology, and much more.

Nearly all of our participants placed in at least one category. We won the female costume contest with Claire Albrecht donning the best Hebe costume.

And, though not reflected in the official results, we won the dodgeball tournament. Yes, the Narnians of CPLS defeated the large class schools on the dodgeball court (think nerd-on-nerd and we had the superior nerds).

The students are anxiously awaiting this year's convention. Most of our chapter members are 7<sup>th</sup> graders, so we will be the youngest



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

With the JCL theme over his shoulder, senior Andrew Waldy acts out taking a bath with the help of waves Megan Lilley and Amanda Albrecht.

team there as all other schools are made up of only high school students.

But we remember that we are small but mighty, and in the words of Aesop, *fortuna nobis vi animi tantum frenabitur!*

## How 'bout Them Royals?

Each Spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of...baseball.

With the Royals doing so well during the first few weeks of the season, we got a few random answers about our local team's prospects to win the AL Central this year:

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"I think they are going to have a better team than they've had in a long time." Will Wipperman, 8th grade

"They will be better than the last two years." Casey Bettis, junior

"They're gonna stink. No chance whatsoever." Josh Musa, 7th grade

"They're gonna do great." Drew Terrell, sophomore

"Don't know, don't care, start with a whimper, end with a whimper." Mr. Mark Congdon

"Horrible!" Ryan Baker, junior

"I think they are going to win the AL Central." Jamison Shafer, senior

"This is their year." Nathaniel Boggs, sophomore

"Way better than last year." Taylor Jorgensen, freshman

# Behind the Scenes of *Alice*

## *Sew What!*

By **Katie Haberkorn**

When most people think of a dramatic performance, they think of the actors, but there are others who put a lot of time and work into a play such as *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* who do not always get recognized as having such a significant role. However, the people behind the scenes outnumber those on the stage itself, 27-23.

For the past few months, students and teachers have been preparing for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Preparations involve costumes, set design, and props preparation, but also include stage crew and business management team.

In charge of it all is Mr. Trent Leach, director, and Mrs. Kim Williams, artistic director, who have overseen and managed all fifty students involved in the play.

## *March MAACS-Ness*

## CPLS Earns Most Overall Points

A number of Lions came home with 1st place trophies for their academic and artistic abilities during the MAACS competition Mar. 26-27.

CPLS also received the "Most Overall Points" award for the Academics Testing portion of the competition.

The event annually draws students from Christian schools and homeschool groups across the Midwest to Tri-City Christian School in Independence, Mo.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Jamison Shafer waits his turn as Jessie Conroy, Sarah Powell, and Anna Carlson portray a cat's tail during the Readers' Theater competition at MAACS.



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

**Kaylee Cantrell, comstumer, sews the hems on the oversized pants for Tweedledee and Tweedledum.**

Work on the set began in mid-March shortly after the 8th grade play wrapped up. The set crew of six had to construct trees, mushrooms, tables,

and thrones for the king and queen. All of these were not available at your local Walmart.

"The special effects crew have outdone themselves," Williams said.

Meanwhile, another crew had been stitching and hemming costumes for characters such as the Queen of Hearts, Humpty Dumpty, the Red and White Queens, the Mad Hatter, and the Caterpillar. Unlike previous years, most costumes had to be custom-made.

"In previous years many of the costumes were found in the costume shop, but this year half of the cast were animals and the other half were oddly shaped characters," said costume crew member Amanda Albrecht.

All together, the costume crew of nine students has put in approximately 360 hours of work prior to the curtain going up.

"I hope that the costumes will add to the personality of the characters to further the experience of the audience watching the play," said costume crew member Kaylee Cantrell.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

**Sean Rende and Levi Murphy construct the thrones for the king and queen.**

In the Senior High Division, Sophomore Wes Clauson won the Biological Sciences category, while classmate Kale Stone took the Physical Sciences award.

The Readers' Theater group of Sam Blasi, Jake Copp, Nick Higgins, Sean Rende, and David Yoakum also earned 1st place for their presentation.

In the Junior High Division, 8th grader Justin Currence finished first in the oral spelling bee, edging out CPLS 9th grader Levi Murphy. Parker Robb won the Music Theory contest, while 8th grader Megan Lilley finished second. Robb also won the Microsoft Office category, which Levi Murphy taking second.



**Alice meets up with Tweedledee (Caleb Tague) and Tweedledum (Wesley Clauson) on her way through Wonderland.**

# Despite Record, Soccer Team Having a Ball

By Anna Carlson

Lady Lions' soccer has kicked into high gear now, and with five games already under their belts, the team's record stands at 2-1-2.

After winning their season opener at Tri-City, the Lions tied KC East 0-0 at home and lost to Basehor at Sunflower Soccer Complex 2-1.

They then played to a 3-3 tie with Sunrise Academy.

Their game with powerful Seaman was called before halftime due to lightning.

Despite the tough schedule, Coach Brian Williams remained optimistic.

"The season is going pretty well so far, despite some injuries and tough weather conditions," Williams said.

"We had to put a lot of different players in positions they weren't familiar with, but I think we finally have the perfect set-up. The season should only get better from here," Williams said.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

"Be first to the ball!" Senior Sarah Powell takes her coaches' admonitions seriously in the Sunrise game.

The team, too, is staying positive. "I love soccer," quoted Sarah Powell, who embodies the spirit of the whole team.

## Golf Season in Full Swing

# The Tournaments Begin

By Kale Stone

With the onset of warmer spring temperatures, the CPLS golf team ventured back on the links for a pair of meets.

At the Flint Hills Invitational at the Colbert Hills course in Manhattan, sophomore Sam Langhofer and senior Sam Blasi teamed up to bring home 4th place. Sophomores T.J. Waldy and Nick Pohlenz finished in 8th place.

On a breezy April 7, the Lions competed in the Jeff West Invitational at the Village Greens course near Ozawkie. They earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy out of 8 teams.

Three team members placed individually in this tournament. Sam Langhofer shot a 41, good enough for 13<sup>rd</sup> place, Casey Bettis came in at 45,

which was good for 6<sup>th</sup> place, and T.J. Waldy carded a 49, which gave him a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish.

With a handful of golf tournaments left in the season, Coach Todd Fisher thinks his squad has not reached its full potential.

"So far, we have done very well," Fisher said of his team, "There is still room for improvement."

Up next for CPLS is the Veritas Invitational, set for next Tuesday in Lawrence.

The Lions also will participate in the Hayden JV Invitational later in the week, and conclude their season with the KCAA Golf Tournament.

This year's championship meet will be held May 14-15.

## Scoreboard

Varsity Girls' Soccer (2-1-2)	
CPLS 2	Tri-City 0
CPLS 0	KC East 0
CPLS 1	Basehor 2
CPLS 3	Sunrise Academy 3
CPLS 1	Flint Hills 0

JV Girls' Soccer (1-2)	
CPLS 1	Tri-City 3
CPLS 4	KC East 3
CPLS 0	Basehor 2

Varsity Golf	
Flint Hills Invitational April 6	
Langhofer/Blasi	4th
Pohlenz/Waldy	8th

Jeff West Invitational April 7	
Langhofer	41 3rd
Bettis	45 7th
Waldy	49 14th

**Don't Miss Soccer Senior Night Monday April 20-CPLS vs. Highland Park!**



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Senior Sam Blasi chips up onto the green in the Jeff West Invitational Tournament at Village Greens near Ozawkie.