



# 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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## Dr. Johnson Hits the Ground Running

By Katie Haberkorn

Dr. Michael Johnson arrived at CPLS this week to become the school's first superintendent. He had planned to start work Monday, Feb. 1, but was unable to get to Topeka until the next day.

That's because a snow storm swept through the lower Mississippi valley last weekend. Johnson waited till the roads were clear to drive here from Memphis, Tennessee, where he had worked at Westminster Academy .

When asked how he felt about being in cold Kansas in the middle of winter, Johnson replied diplomatically.

"I don't really know yet. It's different from the South. Not a bad different, but just different," he said.

So he jumped in on Tuesday, his first day on the job, and was in his office before 7:30. As soon as kids started arriving at school, Johnson could be seen in the halls greeting parents and kids.

"My first goal is to get to know the school-- its students, faculty, and families," Johnson said.



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

New CPLS Superintendent Dr. Michael Johnson greets parents early Tuesday morning, on his first day on the job.

## Scholars 'Glorify God, Have Fun, and Win'

CPLS teams finished in the top three spots in nine of the 14 Scholars' Bowl meets this year, including firsts for both the Varsity and JV at Riley County.

Coach James Seidel noted that the showing at Riley County involved the JV substituting for two rounds when the varsity was delayed by an accident on foggy, icy I-70.

Seidel said the two teams finished better this year than in any other season.

"Our main goals were to glorify God, have fun, and win, in that order, and we accomplished all three," Seidel said.

## Spelling Champ Headed to Bee

Sixth grader Maddie Rues will represent CPLS at the Shawnee County Spelling Bee Feb. 27, after placing first in the school contest Jan. 25.

Maddie successfully outlasted 11 opponents from grades 5-8 through the first ten rounds. By round 11, she was dueling 7th grader Hannah Scheuffler until Hannah put a "c" in place of the "s" in "animosity," which Rues correctly spelled.

She finished by spelling "obsequious," which means "full of servile compliance, fawning."



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

"O-B-S-E-Q-U-I-O-U-S," the word that Maddie Rues spells correctly to earn her way to the Shawnee County Spelling Bee.

# Opinions

## Dr. Johnson Joins the CPLS Family

*StuCo President Urges Student Friendship*

**Special to the Lamp Post**  
**By Nick Higgins**  
**CPLS Student Body President**

As president of the CPLS student body, I would officially like to welcome Dr. Michael Johnson to the Cair Paravel family.

As noted on page one of this edition of *The Lamp Post*, Dr. Johnson comes from Westminster Academy in Memphis, Tennessee.

As a lover of classical education, Dr. Johnson is familiar with the goals and the methods that Cair Paravel is all about. Having met him when he was here in November, I can attest to his passion for teaching and molding the minds of students.

I had the opportunity to show him around the school during his visit here. I saw him connect with each teacher, whether they taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade or 12<sup>th</sup>.

When I was with him, he talked about the moral expectations that he placed upon his students.

He said he expected virtue out of the men and women of the school,



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

inside and outside of the classroom. He also said he would work hard to instill that virtue as well as intellectual knowledge among students.

He taught Greek and Latin at Westminster, and so is particularly fond of Aristotle and Cicero. It would not come as a surprise, then, if students see him pop in to an upper-level English course from time to time, and if he does, we, as students, should make him feel at home.

How do we do that? We need to recognize that he is approachable and make the first move toward getting to know him and establishing a relationship.

Dr. Johnson is a life-long learner himself, and I think he would like to help out in our education in any way possible. Though he is new here, he is ready to hit the ground running.

So, when you see Dr. Johnson in the hallway, take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know him. He is going to be one of us.

The Lamp Post is interested in what you think! Letters to the editor from students, parents, and teachers, that are signed will be considered for publication. Keep it around 200 words, please!

### Thalia Tops Colleges

Mr. Leach has released the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester College point standings:

#### Day One Games

Calliope	95
Clio	50
Melpomene	145
Thalia	120

#### Retreat Games

Calliope	120
Clio	65
Melpomene	130
Thalia	135

#### Game Attendance

Calliope	63
Clio	56
Melpomene	58
Thalia	75

#### Western Night

Calliope	25
Clio	125
Melpomene	75
Thalia	25

#### Q1 Grades

Calliope	42
Clio	27
Melpomene	39
Thalia	92

#### Q2 Grades

Calliope	42
Clio	56
Melpomene	46
Thalia	58

#### Demerits

Calliope	-80
Clio	-150
Melpomene	-205
Thalia	-170

#### TOTALS

Calliope	306
Clio	228
Melpomene	288
Thalia	335

### The Lamp Post

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# Writers Pull in the Bucks

Four 8th graders pocketed a total of \$350 Wednesday, courtesy of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Billy McElroy took first place among 60 entries, and he was awarded a check for \$150 for the essay he wrote last fall for the VFW's Patriot's Pen contest.

Zoey Brandt received a \$100 for second place, while Alicia Jordan and Elizabeth Sharp tied for 3rd and won \$50 each.

Sharp's essay also took 3rd in the VFW's district contest.

The topic for the Patriot's Pen essay this year was "When Should America's Veterans Be Honored?"

Wednesday's awards mark the fourth time in the past five years that a CPLS student has placed in the essay contest.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Tom Farr, right, a local VFW official, hands Billy McElroy a certificate and a check for the winning entry in the "Patriot's Pen" essay contest.

# 'Narnia' Opens; 'Ruddigore' Next

By Cassie Remington

Narnia, a retelling of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," opened last night in the Stone Table Theater.

The Lower School Musical, which continues tonight and Saturday, is a shorter version of the play performed by this year's seniors when they were in elementary school.

"We're highlighting the best scenes and music," Director Mark Congdon said.

Mr. Trent Leach has helped with the lighting, while Mr. William Barron and Robert Swain helped build the set.

This time they have a bigger sled and wardrobe, and Tumnus has a cave.

"It's revamped and upgraded," Congdon added.

Congdon also announced that tryouts are slated for Feb. 18-19 for the High School musical, "Ruddigore," in the Stone Table Theater.

The play will be presented over two weekends beginning Apr. 22.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Dancers tour the floor at this year's Silver Bells, held Jan. 16 at the Church of Christ on W. 29th.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Above: During the Christmas break, juniors Nick Pohlenz, Jackson Swain, and Hannah Gardner use Mr. Waldy's room as the backdrop for their roles in a short film sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association.

Right: The Lion's Scholars' Bowl team of Patrick DeDonder, Piper Robb, Amanda Nigus, Thomas Clauson, Levi Murphy, and Jordan Mentzer compete and finish 4th in the Shawnee Heights Tournament.



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

# Modern World Can't Predicate

Classical composers entertained with music that had meaning, while modern musicians don't believe there is any meaning in life--they can't say anything really IS something.

This predication was part of the message delivered by John Mason Hodges during this year's Aslan Lecture Jan. 26.

Hodges, a composer, conductor, and former music professor, emphasized that truth, goodness, and beauty all flow from the character and general revelation of God.

He said that Christians need to speak to the world about life, death, and love through the arts, because we are able to predicate with confidence about both physical and spiritual matters.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Aslan Lecturer John Mason Hodges stabs the air to emphasize a musical point in one of Mozart's rondos.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Seventh graders Piper Robb and Clare Smith dramatize the development of Child Labor Laws during the first CPLS National History Day Fair Jan. 22

## Lions Ambush Crusaders, Warriors Team Earns Rare Friday Night Off

Due to a scheduling quirk, CPLS has an open Friday night tonight after starting a two-game winning streak.

The Lions squashed St. Marys and Flint Hills following their 7th place finish in the McLouth Tournament.

At St. Marys, the Lion's had the Crusaders down 19-3 in the 1st quarter.

"We just started to believe that we could play defense," Coach Jason Sellers said.

Since the Christmas break, the team is 5-5, with wins over WAHAA, Oskaloosa, and Veritas to go along with their win streak.

Their next game is Tuesday at home against Olpe, the #1 ranked team in Class 1A.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn  
Freshman Allie Helms takes aim at the bucket against Seward, Nebraska during the Cornerstone Tournament.

## Lions Learn the Ropes

With just three weeks to go in the season, the Lions' Jr. High squads are both gaining valuable experience.

The girls' team picked up its first win of the season against Flint Hills this Monday, and the boys are nearing the .500 mark after winning 4 of their last nine games.

Both teams conclude their seasons at the KCAA Tournament in Wichita Feb. 19-20.



Photo by Dalton McCoy  
Junior center Nathaniel Boggs snags a rebound and goes back up for a bucket in the home loss to St. Marys.

## Varsity Girls Whip Flint Hills

Coach Savannah Kirksey's Lady Lions will face the undefeated and top-ranked Olpe Eagles next Tuesday.

CPLS comes into the game after picking up only its third win of the year, a 35-18 pasting of Flint Hills last Saturday.

Kirksey, a former CPLS standout, took over as coach during the Christmas break.

Her junior-laden squad battled through injuries and illness to go 1-2 in the Cornerstone Tourney last month.



Photo by Mike Haberkorn  
Seventh grader Seth Nigus launches a runner in the lane during the win over Heritage.

## Scoreboard

### Girls Varsity Basketball (3-11)

CPLS 34	WAHAA 45
CPLS 15	Oskaloosa 52
CPLS 41	Wichita Defenders 48
CPLS 59	Veritas 29
CPLS 42	Seward, NE 43 (OT)
CPLS 34	Derby 46
CPLS 35	Flint Hills 18

### Girls JV Basketball (0-3)

CPLS 23	Wichita Defenders 24
CPLS 19	Washburn Rural 51

### Girls Jr. High Basketball (1-8)

CPLS 17	Wichita Defenders 41
CPLS 17	Emmett 41
CPLS 18	WAHAA 28
CPLS 15	Wichita Defenders 31
CPLS 20	St. Matthews 21
CPLS 12	St. Matthews 18
CPLS 15	Cornerstone 56
CPLS 26	Flint Hills 9

### Boys Varsity Basketball (6-11)

CPLS 64	WAHAA 60
CPLS 54	Oskaloosa 57
CPLS 50	Wichita Defenders 71
CPLS 30	Veritas 25
CPLS 64	St. Marys Academy 70
CPLS 53	Oskaloosa 52 (OT)
CPLS 39	ACCHS 68
CPLS 46	Bishop Seabury 61
CPLS 62	St. Marys Academy 52
CPLS 52	Flint Hills 25

### Boys JV Basketball (5-1)

CPLS 42	Wichita Defenders 40
CPLS 42	Washburn Rural 41
CPLS 22	Veritas 18
CPLS 31	St. Marys Academy 25
CPLS 38	St. Marys Academy 36

### Jr. High Boys Basketball (4-6)

CPLS 25	Heritage 21
CPLS (B) 15	Wichita Defenders 40
CPLS (A) 18	Wichita Defenders 47
CPLS 37	Veritas 33
CPLS 18	WAHAA 50
CPLS 22	Wichita Defenders 42
CPLS 23	St. Matthews 16
CPLS 19	Cornerstone 39
CPLS 36	Flint Hills 9