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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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Beginning Feb. 1, Dr. Michael Johnson will become the new superintendent of Cair Paravel Latin School.

On behalf of the CPLS Board, President David Mooneyham announced Nov. 21 that Johnson, who is head of school and director of classical languages at Westminster Academy in Memphis, Tenn., had been chosen for the job from among 18 applicants.



Photo from Westminster Academy website

Mooneyham said Johnson's background

in languages made him the strongest candidate.

"Dr. Johnson understands our vision of becoming a "premier, classical, Christian, liberal arts school" and shares our goals for education," Mooneyham said.

"During his visit to our school a few weeks ago, Dr. Johnson was particularly impressed by our staff and faculty, by our tradition of strong academics, and by our commitment to a Christian worldview," he added.

Johnson graduated from the University of Mississippi, and earned a master's degree in Divinity from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a master's in Classical Civilization.

He received his doctorate in Ministry and Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary.

Lions Nearly Earn TV Appearance

By Levi Murphy

The Lions Scholars' Bowl team nearly made it to the coveted group of 16 squads that will take part this winter in the televised Varsity Quest competition.

CPLS finished 3rd in Class 1A behind Rolla and Clifton-Clyde high schools during the qualifying competition at Washburn University Dec., 5th.

But their record also includes a victory

over last year's state champion Free State High during the Shawnee Heights meet.

At Washburn, students were tested on topics such as history, music, government, art, literature, math and physical science.

The Cair Paravel team scored a collective 750 on the test, but despite their best efforts, the team came up just shy of making it to the televised rounds.

"We did our best! I can't ask for much more than that," Coach James Seidel said.

"Out of ten 1A teams, we took third, which is really good," Seidel added.

Team members include seniors Amanda Nigus and Thomas Clauson, junior Patrick DeDonder, and sophomores Parker Robb and Levi Murphy.

The junior high squad also performed very well in a JV tournament hosted by CPLS.

The team, made up of 8th graders Josiah Baron, Caleb Fleming, Jane Cowger, and Tyler Brown, held their own against freshmen, sophomores, and juniors from seven area high schools.

They finished 3-4, and handed meet victor Wamego its only defeat.



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

Thomas Clauson, Amanda Nigus, Patrick DeDonder, and Parker Robb ponder a question during the Shawnee Heights Scholars' Bowl Meet in early December.

What Would You Give CPLS For Christmas?

We asked students, teachers, and staff this hypothetical question: If you had all the money you needed, what gift would you give Cair Paravel for Christmas? Here's a few of the responses:

"A new gymnasium."
Rachel Orr,
 freshman



"New PE equipment."
Maluki Radford,
 7th grade

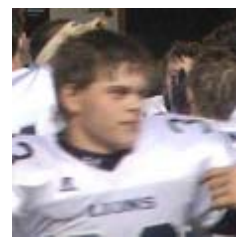


"Additional facilities. I'd like to keep what we have and add on, and then take care of retirement for all the teachers."



Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
 HS English

Opinions

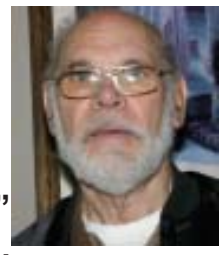


"Another building with more classrooms--or a woodshop class."
Jesse Nigus,
 sophomore



"I'd give everybody a raise and an excellent benefits package."
Mrs. Christine Myers, Director of Office and Facilities

"A storage area for ladders, barbeques, tables and such."
Walt Brown,
 custodian



"New playground equipment."
Bridget Cornwell,
 8th grade



"A tunnel to the annex."
Patrick DeDonder,
 junior

"I'd buy a carousel."
Kaylee Cantrell,
 senior



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!

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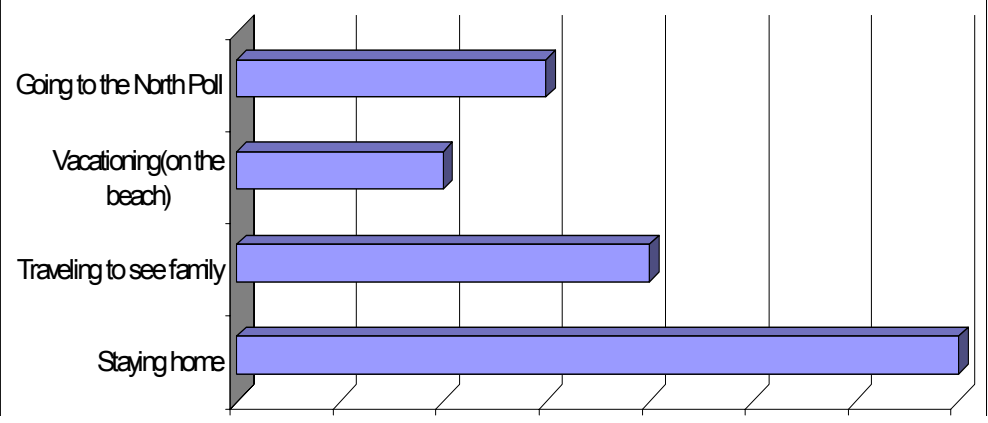
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Where are students going over Christmas Break?



Rehearsals Begin Soon for Narnia Anniversary Tale

By Mitchell Walker

The Pevensie children emerge from the wardrobe Feb. 4-6 when Cair Paravel presents the *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

Sam Cox, Timothy Price, Hannah Borchers, and Ava Fowler, play Peter, Edmund, Susan, and Lucy, respectively, in the lower school's musical presentation of the timeless C. S. Lewis classic.

Every five years, CPLS stages this play in honor its birth and heritage.

This year's drama marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the school in 1980.

The last time the students of Cair Paravel performed *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, in 2005, Nick Higgins, Amanda Nigus, Cole Foster, and Mary Waldy, portrayed the Pevensie kids.



Photo/Illustration by Mike Haberkorn
Juniors Katelyn Cook, Hannah Gardner, and Grayson Stewart relax in the new chairs in Mr. Leach's classroom.

Rest Easy: New Seats of Learning Have Arrived

By James Wayman

Due to the generosity of a relative of a CPLS family, students now can sit in comfort in a pair of classrooms.

Mr. Doug Walker donated nearly 40 chairs to the school in mid-November.

Mr. Leach's classes are the main beneficiaries of the almost-new lounge chairs, which while not new, are in fairly good shape. Included in the gift were 13 new black chairs with fold-out desks for Mr. Waldy's students.

"They really provide a relaxed yet reflective atmosphere," he added.

The chairs, which replaced much more rigid tables and chairs, are mostly black leather or black and white cloth, with spinning desk panels.

There are already some rules to preserve the condition of the chairs and keep students from dozing off. They include "no feet or shoes on the chairs" warning on Leach's whiteboard.

Nevertheless, Leach likes the relaxed feeling it brings for his students.

"They add comfort without being distracting," Leach said of his new room decor.



Photo by Katie Haberkorn

CPLS Music Director Mark Congdon conducts the high school orchestral quintet at Barnes and Noble Dec. 3. The event earned nearly \$1000 for the school.

Picture of the Month



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Mr. James Waldy and the 8th graders take a breather Nov. 24th after chasing down and raking up the leaves at nearby Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lions Looking for Leader

The CPLS boys play host tonight to KCAA archrival WAHAA in a game that has the inexperienced Lions looking, as their coach put it, for someone to step up and lead.

Last year, the KCAA champion Lions could draw upon the savvy of five seniors. Not so this year.

The inexperienced Lions stumbled out of the gate during the season-opening Burlingame tournament, falling to Waverly, Cornerstone, and Burlingame.

In the West Franklin tourney the following week, Cair Paravel ground out a win over West Franklin while losing to Spring Hill and Metro Academy.

Then Monday night, despite 16 and 14 points from juniors Tyler Musa and J.D. Urish, CPLS was unable to overcome a big Valley Falls lead and tumbled 61-40 to the Dragons.

With only one senior on the squad, Coach Jason Sellers wants some of his

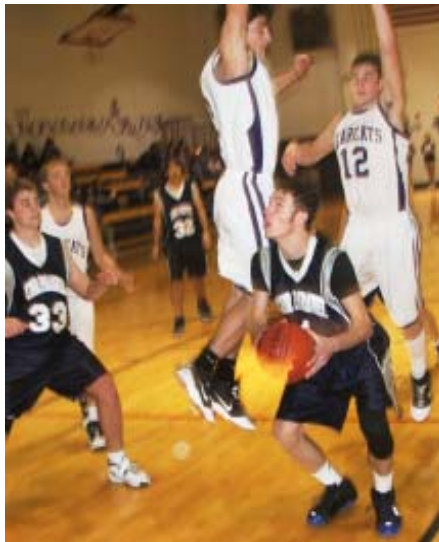


Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Junior point guard Tyler Musa gives a Burlingame Bearcat a head fake before executing an up-and-under move.

juniors to step up and take charge of the game.

"We're just looking for a little leadership," Sellers said after his team dropped to 1-6 on the year.

While continuing to play good defense, Sellers said he wanted his team to focus tonight on making their shots--especially layups--and taking care of the ball.

Lady Lions Hunger For WAHAA



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Sophomore guard Taylor Jorgensen pops a jump shot from the left wing, while freshman Leilani Ramos prepares to box out along the baseline during the Burlingame game.

Play physical basketball.

That's what first-year Coach Tausha Deeter has been telling the Lady Lions to prepare them for their game tonight with KCAA archrival WAHAA.

CPLS comes into the game a bit hungry for a win, after pulling out only one victory in seven tries, and that by 43-20 in the Burlingame Tournament Dec. 4.

Last Monday, sophomore guard Taylor Jorgensen dropped in 13 points, including a 3-pointer, but that wasn't enough to stop Valley Falls from whipping the Lady Lions 55-40.

Deeter thinks that WAHAA, which graduated its top three players from last year's team, might be vulnerable to a more physical style of play this year.

"I expect a tough game from them," Deeter said, adding, "but I think our ladies have shown more athletic ability in last few practices. I think we should be alright."

Scoreboard

Girls Varsity Basketball (1-6)

CPLS 21	Waverly 53
CPLS 43	Cornerstone 20
CPLS 21	Burlingame 40
CPLS 24	Spring Hill 61
CPLS 25	West Franklin 27
CPLS 26	Wellsville 54
CPLS 40	Valley Falls 55

Girls JV Basketball (0-1)

CPLS 13	Valley Falls 37
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Girls Jr. High Basketball (0-1)

CPLS 11	Mater Dei 25
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Boys Varsity Basketball (1-6)

CPLS 52	Waverly 67
CPLS 47	Cornerstone 58 (OT)
CPLS 46	Burlingame 68
CPLS 36	Spring Hill 81
CPLS 48	West Franklin 46
CPLS 21	Metro Academy 55
CPLS 40	Valley Falls 61

Boys JV Basketball (0-1)

CPLS 18	Valley Falls 41
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Jr. High Boys Basketball (0-2)

CPLS 18	Mater Dei 38
CPLS 25	Heritage 32



Photo by Mike Haberkorn

Junior High Boys' Coach Ron Thornburgh uses a timeout to adjust his defense against Mater Dei.

Eagles Claw Past Lions

Both the boys and girls junior high basketball teams are hoping Santa will leave them something under the tree this Christmas.

They'd like a win of any type after both teams were bested by Mater Dei in their season openers.

In addition, the boys' squad could not overcome a scrappy Heritage team and lost last night to the Eagles, 32-25.

Both teams now have to wait until after the New Year before their next games at home against the Wichita Defenders Jan. 9.