



The New Capstone Program

Julia Srama

Have you ever been in one of the fancy high-tech rooms and wonder what they are used for? Those fancy rooms are for Capstone, an eighth grade program at Palos South Middle School.

The Capstone Program is a program where eighth graders work in groups and look for solutions to problems within our community. This year one group is working on finding a way to reduce the negative impact the deer population cause in our area. Another group is looking at ways Palos South can conserve energy and a third group is working to attract businesses and shoppers to Harlem avenue in Palos Heights. Technology is a big part of Capstone. Each student is given a Microsoft Surface with a stylus, an email account, and an OneNote account. Students meet in state-of-the-art classrooms designed to promote team work and collaboration. The class meets three days a week during zero hour; however different groups attend on different days so that each student meets with his or her group just once a week. The teachers in charge are Mrs. Schramm, Ms. McDonough, Mr. Mancilla, and Ms. Kmiecik.

Seventh graders can sign up at the end of this school year. This is a very fun and rewarding Experience. However, keep in mind, that being in this program is a huge responsibility you have to come to the meetings regularly. Four unexcused absences means you are no longer in the program.



Veteran's Day

By: Nicholas Skweres

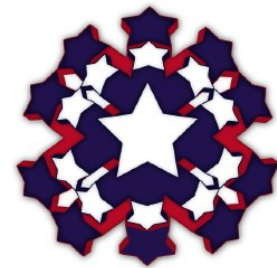


Veteran's Day, a holiday honoring those men and women in uniform who have served the great nation America. This holiday lands on November 11; this year it was on a Wednesday, next year a Thursday. Yet, the idea hasn't changed. Honoring veterans is no small thing. These men and women have risked life and limb to protect us. We will never know many of these people, and they will never know us. Yet, that does not change things. Sacrifices so big we could never imagine. Palos South does it's best to honor these deserving veterans. This year's Veteran's Day assembly was excellent. The Cardinal Band played several songs, the PAE sang as well. Our Student Council did an excellent job running the assembly. The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the Patriot's Pen essay contest. This year the theme was "What Freedom Means to me". Our first place winners were:

Sixth Grade: Nicholas Skweres

Seventh Grade: Ella McDevitt

Eighth Grade: Daniel Clough



Student Council sponsor Mrs. Swan said that "Our job is to make the veterans feel honored" Thanks, Maggie Reed in eighth grade for making the slide-show of veterans. I would also like to thank everyone who helped make this assembly possible.





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FOR
KICKS**

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Cardinal Chase

Written by: James Tan

Did you go to the Cardinal Chase this year? If not, you should reconsider for next year. The Cardinal Chase has been running for 3 years, and it is a fun running activity for the whole family. The Cardinal Chase has 2 races. One is the 5K for stronger runners, and the other is the mile run for the younger runners. Also, each runner gets a Cardinal Chase shirt. The logo on the front is designed through a contest held within the district 118 schools. The winner of this year's logo contest is Ava Burns from Palos West, 4th Grade. Worried all your friends won't go? Well don't! According to Nadine Scodro, the chairperson who runs the event, 1,050 people registered to go, and 800 participated in the race despite the inclement weather this year. The Cardinal Chase is sponsored by volunteering companies, families, and businesses. This year there were 30 sponsors and the number is growing each year. Some of the sponsors are Pat & Peter Jahn, Running for Kicks, Meehan Orthodontics, LGH, Southwest Ice Arena, 115 Bourbon Street, and Best Maids. If you are planning to run next year, it is scheduled to take place on Oct. 2, 2016, the first Sunday of October. Of course, this date is subject to change. Did you go to the Cardinal Chase this year? If not, seriously consider going next year.

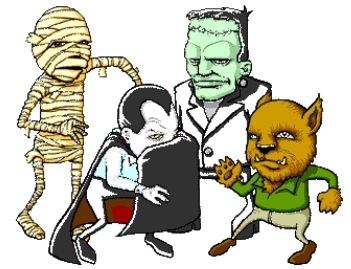
If you have any questions, email Nadine Scodro at cardinalchase@palos118.org.



One Monster Challenge

By Jeffrey Korbitz

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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.





Fall Sports Wrap-up

Written by: Nicholas Skweres

In Chicago most sports start in the fall. Football starts, hockey starts, baseball is finishing up, and soccer is in progress. For Chicagoans this usually means they don't have to watch their horrible baseball teams. It means they are disgusted with the Chicago Fire. They have false hope for the Bears, and the Blackhawks are drawing most of the attention. But not this year! This time around things were different. The Cubs were in the postseason. The Bears have some new players, just like the Blackhawks, but the Fire still stink. The Blackhawks got rid of some of their top players after winning the Stanley Cup because of budget cuts. However, the Blackhawks have regained some of the talent and speed that is crucial for a winning a cup, but can they do it again? Only time will tell. What are your predictions for this season?

The Chicago Blackhawks new players for the 2015 Season	
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Artem Anismov - Center Kyle Baun - Right Ryan Garbutt - Left Artemi Panarin - Left Viktor Tikhonov - Right	Trevor Daley Viktor Svedberg



The 30 Hockey Teams of the NHL

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By:

Max Aleman



Hoverboards: Worth it or not?

By Jeffrey Korbitz



Hoverboards are cool. Yeah, you know? Those things with a million names that look like a Segway without the handles? Well, I put 400 dollars down for the sake of this article to see if it was really worth thaaaat much. The results are below...

SOOOOOOOOOOOO WORTH IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WOW; it is the MOST FUN THING IN THE WORLD!!!!!! It is very hard to explain what it is like but the fun quotient is up there with go-karts, roller coasters, and tubing at a lake house. It is so cool when you get on because you start to feel like the board IS your feet, and when you get off, the ground feels odd. I recommend this so much to all readers that weigh less than 250 pounds (which should be everyone.). OK well that is all I can... Describe. Alright readers, have fun!

Jeffrey Korbitz

Tech Tidbits

Written By: Nicholas Skweres



Apple is creating more. They are inventing more, and the new iPhone 6s and 6s plus are proof of that. Improved cameras, more durable glass and steel, faster wi-fi, and so much more. But, is it worth the extra cash? Without a contract the iPhone 6s is priced anywhere from \$649 to \$849. Without a contract the iPhone 6s plus will cost you anywhere from \$749 to \$949. Is it worth the cash? You tell me.



Meet the New Teacher Mrs. Wolschlager

By:

Julia Srama

1. For how many years have you taught?

This is my 14th year as a teacher.

2. What grade and school did you teach at before you came here?

Before I came to Palos South, I taught fifth grade at Palos East for 13 years.

3. What grade and subjects do you teach?

I currently am teaching on team 7B. I teach Language Arts and Social Studies.

4. Which school do you like more: Palos South or the previous one?

Choosing between Palos East and Palos South would be impossible! I loved teaching at Palos East! I loved the students, teachers and staff, and the families. It was my home for 13 years. I was looking for a new challenge so I asked to come to Palos South. Everyone has been so welcoming to me here at

Palos South, and I am beyond happy to be here! ☺

5. What annoys you the most?

I can't think of too much that annoys me.

6. What are you looking forward to in this school year?

This school year, I am looking forward to the Springfield trip.



7. What is your favorite animal? Do you have any pets of your own?

I have two dogs. They are both beagles, Daisy and Rosco. I also have two parakeets, Stan and Frenchie.

8. Do you have any children?

I have two children. Hannah is in 5th grade (10 yrs. Old) and Ryan is in 2nd grade (7 yrs. Old).

9. What is your favorite food? Do you have a favorite restaurant?

I love food! I don't think I could pick just one favorite food! My favorite meal would be steak, potatoes and asparagus. I also have a love for ice cream; chocolate with Heath candy! My favorite restaurants include Benihanas for dinner and Noodles and Company for a quick lunch.

10. Do you travel a lot? Do you have a favorite vacation spot?

My family loves to go to Florida so we can hang out on the beach, enjoy the heat, and get ice cream.

11. What is your favorite season? Do you have a favorite holiday?

My favorite season is fall. I love the colors on the trees, the smell of cinnamon, and the cool air. The cooler weather is a good excuse to put on a cozy sweatshirt and drink some hot chocolate. My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. It is always great to spend time with my family and eat all of my favorite yummy foods. I enjoy cooking and baking for the holidays.



Words and Images By: Chana McCormick

*Yellow are the leaves
the old summer's sun.
Orange are the pumpkins
the past summers popsicles.
Red is the moon
the former summer's bloom.
Fall is full of colors
And summer, too.
You can see the beauty
if you try, too.*



October

Cool Breeze,

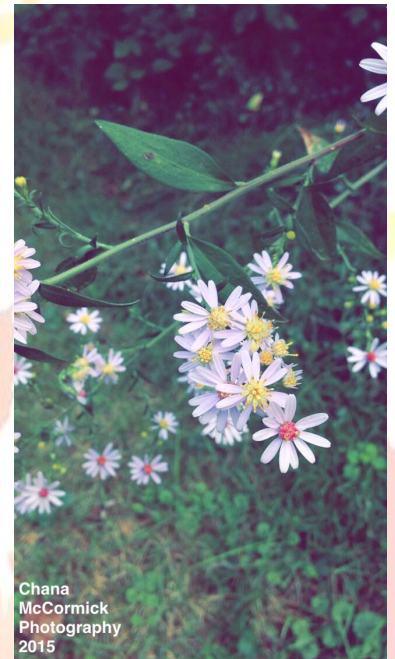
Apple cider.

Naked trees,

Little spider.

Warm teas,

horseback rider.





World's Strangest Animals

Written By: James Tan

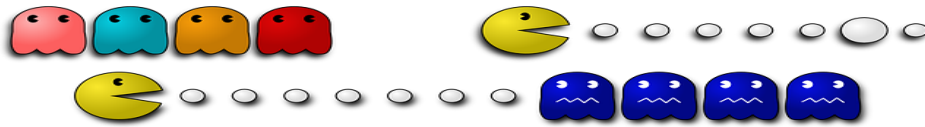
Ice Fish: This fish lives by Antarctica. You may be wondering how it doesn't freeze up? Well, instead of blood flowing through its veins, it has a different liquid that acts like anti-freeze and keeps them from freezing.

Portuguese Man-of-War: This creature kind of looks like a jellyfish. In fact, it is a colony of bacteria working together as one creature.



Tunicate: The tunicate, or "sea squirt", is a sea plant. In its early stages of life, it can move like other sea creatures. Then when it finds a good place to be planted, it eats its body parts. First go the fins and gills, as it does not need to move anymore. Next it absorbs its eyes and notochord, a rubbery spine that only chordates have. Lastly goes the brain. After it absorbs the brain, than it uses the energy it gets from the body parts it absorbed to make new tunicates. It releases the new sea squirts in a massive wave.





Awesome New Mobile Games

By Jeffrey Korbitz

Hey guys, it's back to school time, and you know what that means...

VIDEO GAMES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nah, not really but that's what I'm going to focus on now. You see, lately tons of great games have been released for Apple and Android. So, now I am going to get started with this epic list of equally epic games.

First comes a simple game for time-wasting. It is called: **Spider Square!** This game involves swinging a square creature (you can unlock many more) from a thread. Two great things: a fun multiplayer feature and a daily log-in bonus. You need Wi-Fi or data for both, though. Try it and get addicted!

The next game is rather retro: **PAC-MAN 256!** This game was made by the creators of Pac-Man and the creators of crossy road combined! (Both great games but I'm not going into detail.) Basically, it is a cross between Pac-Man with the ghost-eating and such, and an endless runner. You get all the fun from both!

The game that is my personal favorite is **Pokémon Shuffle!** This game is like Candy Crush, but with Pokémon, event stages, power-ups that actually don't cost real money, and more! You travel from stage to stage, trying to defeat—and catch—hundreds of different monsters. There are also challenging special levels and frequent giveaways, so play every day! However, the mobile version requires Wi-Fi.

My second-to-last game is **Agar.io**. In it, you control a tiny blob in a test tube, trying to eat other blobs and grow so you can defend yourself against other players. You see, you can eat anything smaller than you, but the other players can too! This is a free, relaxing online game for approximately twenty people around the globe. Oh! Also, if you name yourself certain things, your blob will look different. Some to try: Bait, Earth, Moon, Mars, Doge, Pokerface, CIA, WOJAK, Vinesauce, Obama, 8, Poland, Brazil, and Chile, and there are way more I did not name. I highly recommend this game!

Finally, for you older guys out there, I recommend two final games. They are **Happy Wheels** and the whole **Five Nights At Freddy's** series. They are a little too scary or gruesome for me to be at liberty to describe, so if you don't know about them, look them up yourself, kay? They can both be played on the computer, too, but the mobile version is better. Also, Five Nights at Freddy's is NOT free, so clear it with your parents first.

And that brings us to the end of our list. Be sure to read my other articles!

Jeffrey K.



Culture Corner

By Julia Srama

In culture corner we will discuss many cultures and religions from around the world. This fall we will talk about the Arabic culture.

Some important holidays are Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha. On Eid Al-Fitr Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting and is celebrated 1-3 days. As an act of charity, money is sometimes given to the poor and needy. It is also forbidden to fast on this holiday. Eid Al Adha marks the end of the annual Hajj to Mecca. On this holiday family and friends gather together for meals, wear new clothes, giving gifts, giving money or gifts to kids as a token of love, and helping the poor by giving food, money, meat and clothes.

Important aspects of the Arabic culture are food and clothing. In the Arabian peninsula, a diet of dates, wheat, barley, rice and meat is common. A woman's traditional clothing varies from a full length body cover to just an abaya, or a robe-like dress. The man's traditional clothing ranges from the traditional flowing robes to blue jeans, T-shirts, and business suits.



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