

THE UE SOARING EAGLE

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Faith

By Joselyn Baker

Isn't it amazing how big our universe is? There are thousands of stars and thousands of planets. And God created it all. By simply saying it, countless universes appeared. God can create all those huge planets we have in the sky. Yet he is bigger than the planets and more important than all of them.

On our planet, one of millions, he created us. Compared to him, we are microscopic. It makes me feel special when I think about everything He created, from the galaxies to the oceans, and yet God called us "very good." He loves us more than all those stars and planets. God wanted us to be with Him so badly that He was willing to sacrifice His son, watch Him get covered with all our sin, just so we tiny humans could live with him. Can you imagine watching your child get killed? And why did God let this happen? So that we could be with Him. He loves us so much and wants to have a relationship with us.

"The moon and stars to rule by night, for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 136:9

Final May School Events!

By Manuela Bernal-Viana

Congratulations! You have reached the final month of school! Here are some of the incredible events that we are experiencing this last month of the school year!

Upper E Field Day

On **May 26th**, Upper E will have their annual field day! Due to COVID-19, last Spring, CHCA did not host any field days. Fortunately, this year, we had the privilege and the blessing of being able to make this dream come to reality!

One Act

This incredible show took place at the CHCA Lindner Theatre at the high school on May 4th, this year. One Act displayed a terrific story with a fabulous ending that surely captivated you! Fantastic work to all 7-9 graders and all staff and volunteers who helped make this show a reality, even during the pandemic! Although this show was already performed live, you can still view the live-stream performance on **May 22nd at 7:00 pm!** From personal experience, I can testify that these live-streams are awesome and include many different camera angles and shots that all contribute to making this play as wonderful as it would be live! Therefore, for more information on buying your online tickets please be sure to visit [The One Act Homepage - Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy \(chca-oh.org\)](https://www.chca-oh.org) to witness this unforgettable experience!

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Orchestra, Choir, and Band Concerts

During the last few weeks, CHCA's 4th, 5th and 6th grade orchestra, band, and choir students had splendid performances at amazing spring concerts! Excellent job to all these students!

Follet Book Fair

This fabulous book fair took place in Buckman Commons from **May 10-May 14th**. Hopefully, you were able to purchase many of the outstanding and award-winning novels, comics, and books this book fair had to offer! Special thanks to Mrs. Fancett, who truly contributed to making this annual dream come to reality, despite COVID-19!

Summer is Approaching:

By Alanna Knapp

Summer is approaching day by day,
I can't wait for the 28th of May!

The sun will stay out for a few more hours,
The fields will be covered in sunflowers.

I can't wait to go on a trip,
And go in the pool for a dip.

Summer is a time to let loose,
Maybe you can even go on a cruise!

The point of summer is to have fun;
The days are passing one by one!

Summer! Summer! Summer!



Junior Miss Dance of Ohio Champ

Dance Your Heart Out!

By Olivia Sanchez

Haydyn Jackson, 5th grader at CHCA, has recently accomplished one of her biggest goals. Haydyn just won the Junior Miss Dance of Ohio at the Ohio Dance Masters (ODM) Title Championship, placing first place out of 45 different competitors in her age group.

Haydyn has been practicing dance for 8 years. The competition took place in Newark, Ohio between April 22-24. Haydyn said she has been preparing for this competition since she won the title of Petite Miss Dance of Ohio and America in 2019.

This competition was different than others Haydyn is used to. At the ODM competition, "Contestants participate in an interview with a board of 3 judges, then have 4 audition classes in ballet, jazz, tap and acrobatics. They are scored on their technique and a combination that they learn in each of these 4 classes. Then they compete in a solo for an overall talent score. The combined total of all these scores for each dancer is added and then a winner for each age division is awarded that title for the year. The winner gets to go to Dance Masters of America National Title Competition in the summer."

I asked Haydyn how she felt about winning the competition...

"I felt shocked and excited after I won. I am super thankful and blessed to be able to do what I love. I made some goals after I had won the Petite Title for Ohio and America, when I was 9 years old. I knew it was going to be very hard to win this year." Haydyn knew she would be competing against a lot of girls that were a bit older and very good dancers. "It's kind of a lot of pressure because once you win a title, people are always looking at you and expect big things again and again."

When asked if she had any advice for others working to achieve their goals, she says, "It's not about winning, but all that you can learn from the experiences. Have fun and do your best. Make friends. Make memories."

Baseball vs. COVID

By JT Sorensen

Baseball has been a great sport for many years, but it has gotten a little different during COVID.

In 2020, the whole Major League Baseball season was delayed, and the season started in July instead of March. On top of that, the teams only got to play 60 games instead of 168 games. And because of safety protocols, no actual fans got to come to the games. They had to put cardboard cutouts in the seats. The teams could also only play other teams in their region, not teams out of their region. There were also 16 teams in the postseason, not the usual ten.

This year, since the pandemic is not as bad, baseball is not as bad. The season started on time, and some fans can watch their teams play. Teams can play other teams outside of their own region, and the playoffs are back to normal. But the players still must be careful, and there are some weird new rules. If there is a double header, the teams can only play 7 innings, and if a game goes into the tenth inning, each team starts with a runner on second base.

I am sure a lot of us will be happy when the baseball season goes back to normal.

Goodbye and Welcome

By Payton Huffstetler

As we finish the year, we have some upcoming changes to our school. Mr. Randy Brunk has been our Head of School for the last 18 years and now he is retiring. He has committed so much of himself to making our school a better place. It has been his passion for the students that has allowed him to keep going for so long. In his years at CHCA, he has made a significant impact on the growth of the school and the development of the students. He has worked to encourage the students' involvement in our school and has helped create a real community. Mr. Brunk said he wanted, "...students feeling engaged in their school so that each and every day they can come in and get to own their education and feel confident about being a learner in an environment with other learners." Mr. Brunk states this as the legacy he hopes to leave behind. When he is at home, he will be spending quality time with his 5 grandchildren including a newborn! We will all miss him, but he has done so much for our school, and we are so incredibly grateful.

Thank you for your years with us, Mr. Brunk!

Dr. Dean Nicholas will be taking the position of the Head of School. In his 25 years of being at CHCA, he has been the head of Christian Studies Department at the high school, Principal of both 7th and 8th grades, Principal of the high school, Dean of Students and now the new Head of School. Dr. Nicholas is a fun guy. You might not expect this from him, but he once ate a live June bug for 27 dollars! But that's not all, for a school fund-raiser he ate a bowl of live mealworms! What he will do for the school is really incredible. He explained that he is trying to make it his "mission," as he called it, to break food taboos. Dr. Nicholas grew up in Wisconsin, and he loves all of the state's sports teams. One of his favorite hobbies is fishing. He has even caught a five-foot shark! Speaking of favorites, one of Dr. Nicholas's favorite things about CHCA is the community and relationships it has brought him. His wife also worked here before him. When they started out, they didn't have family in Cincinnati so CHCA has become his home and his family. He is thrilled for the new opportunities that come with this new job. One of the opportunities he is really looking forward to is that he will be able to do more work with the teachers throughout the CHCA campuses. He said that one of his goals is to make our school show the whole body of Christ. He also mentioned that he wants students to learn things that feel important and meaningful to the world beyond school. He is excited to share his experiences and passion for Christ* with the whole CHCA community. Dr. Nicholas said that he hopes every day the students and teachers feel that they are "One big community, that has one big purpose."

**and bug eating 🐛*



Great Season

By Ilah Ewen

The fifth and sixth grade girls' lacrosse team has won all their league games, except one. The sixth graders on the team are AJ, Addison, Rona, Lila, Anna, Emery, Grace, and Mia. The fifth graders are Ainsley, Claire B, Payton H, Ella, Joselyn, Teagan, Joelle, and Taylor. Ainsley says that it is exciting when they win. She said that the team runs up to the goalie and taps her on the head with their lacrosse sticks after a game. Also, they thank the other team and their teammates after the game. The team has had one tournament so far, and they got first place in it. While in the tournament, they tied a game, but they still won.

CHCA's fifth and sixth grade lacrosse team is a great example of people who work hard to get what they want. This lacrosse team has worked extremely hard and has lots of practices to help them get better. These girls show how much determination can pay off.



Finishing Strong

By Kyndall Jones

We have all had a long year, but we still need to finish well. We only have **seven** days of school left, so here is how to make the most of them:

Making sure you are happy with your grades is a must. Taking home extra credit work may seem like a chore, but lots of extra credit work is simple. Later, looking back on good grades will make you feel proud and accomplished. Making sure to check Canvas daily and keeping up on all your work is also helpful.

Claire says that that thinking about summer helps her stay determined to finish the year strong. This is a great tactic because it keeps you focused and excited for summer. Thinking about finishing strongly makes summer even more enjoyable. Buckling down and working is a great way to end the year.

Eating a good breakfast before school will help you prepare for the day and make sure you feel full in the mornings. This keeps your mind active and healthy.

Relying on God to help you persist and guide you will help calm your mind and help you clear your head. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but of power, love, and self-discipline."* 2 Timothy 1:7

Sofia states that school was especially hard this year because of COVID, but we can get through it. Reflecting on the year and thinking about your school life is a great tool to change your plans for next year. We all need a break, and summer is right around the corner!

Keeping in contact with your friends is important over the summer. Going to camp, having a sleepover, and going on bike rides are all things you can do with your friends. Pool parties are a fantastic way to gather all your friends in one place so you can make the most of the summer.

Sports Word Search

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Word search made by Ryan Cobb

Find all the words and then come show Mr. Dyson for a Jolly Rancher!

Mrs. Marmer

By Addie Gould

Mrs. Marmer is the nurse here at CHCA Founders' Campus. She started at CHCA in 2016. Before Mrs. Marmer started working at CHCA she was working at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She has been a nurse since 1993. The grossest thing that she has seen was a really bad bloody nose during her first year at CHCA. She has seen 4-5 broken bones in her nursing career; probably once a year at least. Mrs. Marmer doesn't just fix injures, she can also help you if you just need a band-aid or anything! Mrs. Marmer, you are the best nurse. Thank you for all that you've done for us.



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And a special thanks to Manuela for helping us this year! She is a 6th grader going to be a 7th grader so she won't have the newspaper next year. Thank you for everything you did for us this year!