



# Crawfordsville Community School Corporation The Athenian Oracle

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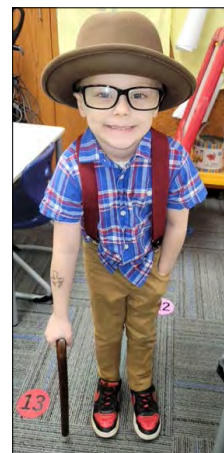
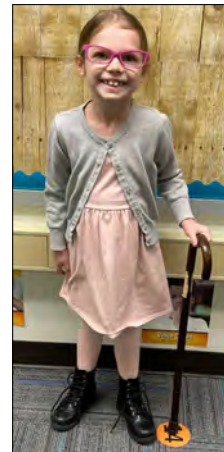
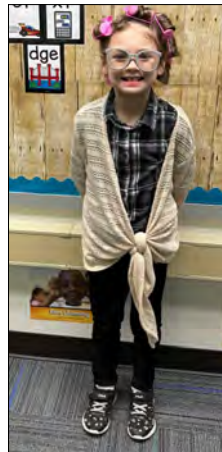
# Day 100

## *Students celebrate 100th day of school year!*



Top: Students at Nicholson in Mrs. Peterson's class created their own shirts with 100 items on them to represent the 100th day of school. Above: Also at Nicholson, Mrs. Fisher's class writes and illustrates what it would be like to be 100 years old.

Hose Elementary students did their best to look old as they dressed up as 100-year-old men and women in celebration of day 100! The halls were full of glasses, wrinkles, sweaters, walkers and canes, and even some hair curlers!







## SNOWBALL FIGHT!!!

Snowballs were flying in the gym at Hose Elementary. Not to worry – they were not the icy cold kind – rather the soft and squishy kind. Students from each class faced off against their teachers in a “clear the room” style battle where each team wanted to end up with the fewest snowballs on their side. This activity was a part of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative at Hose Elementary where they aim to notice and encourage positive choices. The classes cheered on their representatives as the epic five minute snowball throwing event kept everyone on their toes. At the conclusion, each class got a class-wide prize for their great work learning new skills and behaviors in kindergarten and first grade this year. Examples of prizes included sock day, extra gym time, or bring your stuffed animal to school days. Every student has something to celebrate, and winter is a great time for some fun, purposeful encouragement, and renewal.



## Wabash football offers combine at Nicholson

Wabash College Football players and staff brought their football “combine” to Nicholson. Students were able to participate in jumping, racing, push-ups, sit-ups, and other activities during indoor recess recently. The students always enjoy when Wabash students come to hang out and were excited to participate in various obstacles in the gym.

## Q2 Athenian Way winners announced

Congratulations to the quarter two winners of The Athenian Way award.

The Athenian Way award is given to students who follow The Athenian Way and demonstrate grit, kindness, engagement, pride and respect. Students are recognized by staff members and award winners will receive a t-shirt, gift card, and certificate. They will be recognized on our social media sites and also displayed on the TV screens during lunch. Congratulations to these students for following The Athenian Way!

**Mackenzie Siggins: Nominated by Stacey Jackson**

“Mackenzie is a great student! She completes her assignments on time, she is always telling other students they’re doing great, she keeps a positive attitude, she’s always respectful to her peers and teachers. She offers to help if she sees a peer struggling with an assignment and she has or has had the same class. She has goals for the future and is always keeping up with her progress to help her with those goals. She’s polite and kind and I have rarely heard



her complain about anything unless it’s something she knows is wrong. She is an awesome student and I am glad I have the privilege of having her as a student.”

**Brisa Guadalupe Avile Zapien:**  
Nominated by Jenny Veatch

“In the first week of school I asked Mrs. Whitecotton who this little ray of sunshine was because when she asked for help with her schedule she was so sweet and so polite. From then on, every time I’d see her in the hall she

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# Z96.5 WAZY honors CCSC teachers back to back

## CHS Mrs. Veatch and CMS Ms. Crane named Excellent Educators

Mrs. Veatch was recently the recipient of WAZY's Excellent Educator Award for the month of December. Veatch, biology teacher at Crawfordsville High School, was nominated by several people, but B-Adams read a favorite submission when he visited CHS to present Veatch with the award.

The submission read, "Mrs. Veatch has a beautiful soul. She radiates positivity and confidence, but also instills self confidence into her students. She is the most hands-on and motivated teacher to every student and past student. It's been 10 plus years since I was her student, and when she sees me in public she asks about my life and children. She expands her love and joy for life. I am a girl scout troop leader and for a badge requirement I asked her to be a guest speaker for the girls and she agreed with glee. We all love you beautiful lady!"

Veatch said she was shocked to receive the award and was very appreciative to hear the impact from a student from 10 years ago.

"I don't think people know that it's these little things that mean so much to teachers. We don't do this for the pay or for the glory. We do it because we love the kids. I can truly say that I LOVE coming to CHS every day (or I wouldn't still be here after 24 years!)," Veatch said.

Veatch's nomination came from former student Jennifer Hankins. Veatch recalls sharing conversations and being a listening ear and was honored to hear the impact made.

"It made my day to know that a student from 10 years ago was still thinking about my class and what I had done for her," Veatch said.

Veatch plans to speak to Hankins' Girl Scout troop and give a lesson on DNA.

"I'm so excited to see her and hopefully spark the interest of some budding young scientists. I guess in the end, I don't expect ALL of my students to go

into science, but I want them to see how excited I am about the subject and how much I love my job so that they search out what makes them happy so they have a career they love as much as I do," Veatch said.

CHS Principal Jay Strickland praised Veatch for her impact.

"Mrs. Veatch is truly one of the finest teachers and leaders that I have worked with during my career as an educator. She is a top notch instructor, genuinely cares for all of her students and provides leadership in many areas at CHS. I am grateful to have her as a teammate at CHS and she has earned this honor with her hard work and dedication throughout her career as an educator," Strickland said.

WAZY recognizes a teacher each month from nominations. Veatch received a gift bag of items which included a \$100 gift card, Mike's car wash certificates, and at the end of the school year in June 2023, she will be entered to win a vacation package.

In a rare occasion and for the first time, WAZY made a return visit to Crawfordsville to honor a second teacher for the Excellent Educator award. This time the visit was to the middle school to highlight Ms. Crane, CMS language arts teacher as the January winner.

"I'm just really thankful and feel very blessed to have recognition. I know there are many teachers out there who deserve this award and it warms my heart that some of my own family members and my students' parents nominated me out of all the teachers they've known," Crane said about the award.

This is Ms. Crane's second year at CMS. "I put my heart into my job and I'm glad that the children and parents are seeing/feeling that. I believe that being an Excellent Educator really starts with caring about the children, building good relationships, and supporting them to become



their best selves," she said. "Once a teacher does those three things, the academics will come easily and the children will enjoy learning alongside you."

Crane received a goodie bag that included a gift card, three National Geographic books, a subway lunch for one of her classes and for herself, and some various Z96.5 WAZY merchandise.

B-Adams read some of the comments on her nominations. "She cares deeply for her students. She is inspiring and very creative in finding new techniques in keeping her students motivated and wanting to learn."

"She genuinely loves teaching and helping her students learn"

"Along with taking care of her own 8 children she cares for each of her students like they are her

own. She takes on each day with a great attitude and is always ready to go beyond what is asked of her to make sure all of her students feel included, cared for and, mostly, feel confident in the material they are covering in class. We can all think of that one teacher that made such a difference in our life and she is that teacher to so many. I hope she can get the recognition she deserves."

CMS Principal Brent Bokhart said, "Our teachers work hard to reach each student in the classroom, so it's always a positive when communities recognize and appreciate the work teachers put into their students."

Crane said, "I truly love what I do and look forward to continuing to impact students' lives in a positive manner for many years to come!"





# Annual Family Game Night fun for everyone!

Hoover hosted the Annual Title I Family Game Night for all Crawfordsville Community School Corporation elementary students and their families on Feb. 1st. It was a great night with 136 kids in attendance, 110 adults, 84 families, and 47 after-school club kids. Families could play a wide variety of games together, including book bingo, bowling, checkers, corn hole, Connect 4, Guess Who, and many more.

Throughout the evening random drawings were held to give away new board games for students to take home. Parents were provided with information on how to checkout board games for home-use throughout the school year.

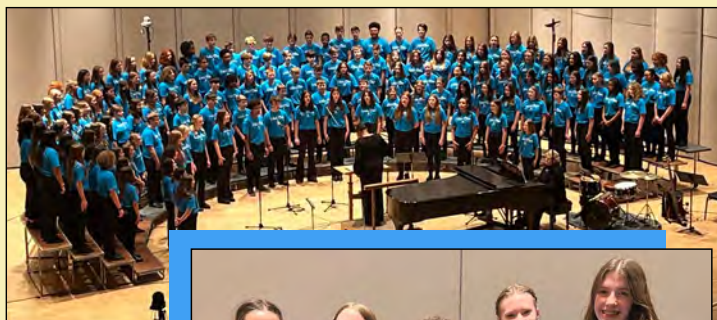
Hoover will continue the board game fun with its weekly Student Council Family Game Night Drawing on Fridays, when each week, one lucky 4th and 5th grader each get to pick a

new board game to keep at home and are given gift certificates for Little Caesar's Pizza. The Title I program is funded by a federal grant that provides funding for math and literacy intervention, professional development for teachers, and school improvement. For questions about the Title I Program, contact Marci Galinowski, Corporation Title I Coordinator and Hoover Principal.



## Students sample star fruit

Nicholson students had a chance to try star fruit and a quinoa salad during the month of January as part of the 2 Bite Try program. While not required, each student was encouraged to test a new food and take at least two bites to get a good taste. If they tried the new food, they could enter a drawing for a chance to win a prize.



Noelle Froerer, left, Paige Johnson, Mrs Swick, Hope Taylor and Caroline Bowling.

## Four sing in middle school Honor Choir

Congratulations to Crawfordsville Middle School students, Noelle Froerer, Paige Johnson, Hope Taylor and Caroline Bowling who participated in Honor Choir in Ft. Wayne.

These four vocalists were selected out of hundreds of applicants throughout the state of Indiana. Students are chosen through blind auditions and are evaluated by several music teachers. After selection, students learn music on their own and this year they spent two days with a clinician from New York to prepare for the concert. Caroline Bowling had the opportunity to be a soloist during this year's performance.





CHS gymnasts left to right: Ellie Hutchison, Lilly Hummel, Christen Saunders, Olivia Fichter, Halle Elliot

## County Champions!

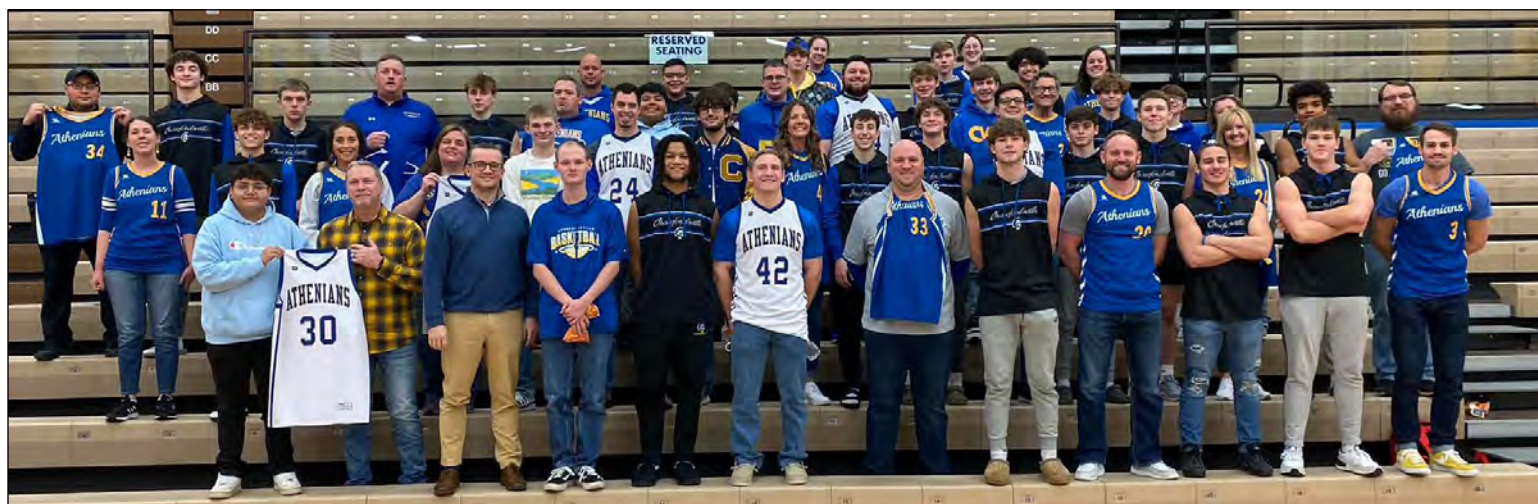
Congratulations to the CHS gymnastics team who are the 2023 County Champions after hosting the first meet of the season against South and North on January 16.

Individual placings are as follows: Vault: 2nd-Halle Elliot; 3rd-Lilly Hummel; 4th -Christen Saunders; 5th-Ellie Hutchison. Bars: 1st-Halle; 2nd-Lilly; 3rd-Christen. Beam: 3rd-Christen; 5th-Lilly; 6th-Halle. Floor: 1st-Halle; 3rd-Christen. All Around: 1st-Halle; 2nd-Christen; 5th-Lilly.



## Snowcoming King crowned

During half time of the Fountain Central game, senior Roman Contreras was crowned the Crawfordville High School 2023 Snowcoming King. Senior boys candidates and other grade attendants are, back row from left, junior attendant James Murphy, senior king candidate Calvin Dittmar, senior king candidate Isaac Rogers, senior King Roman Contreras, senior king candidate Antonio Madrigal, sophomore attendant Cole Capper, and freshman attendant Jayden Callejas.



## 2023 My Jersey . . . Your Impact

The basketball program continued its homecoming tradition called "My Jersey...Your Impact." The students involved in the basketball program selected one faculty member from CHS that has impacted them in a positive way and asked them to wear their uniform throughout the school day. The hope is that after our various discussions, the student athletes will learn to be appreciative of the impact people have all around them and show a little bit of gratitude to those along the way.

## Senior wrestlers and managers honor an Impactful Athenian



In honor of senior night, senior wrestlers and managers wrote a letter and presented a t-shirt to a teacher who had impacted them greatly in their time at CHS.



# CHS boys basketball making an impact on and off court



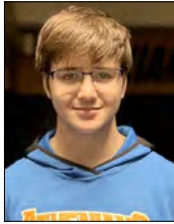
Left: The CHS boys varsity and JV claimed the County Championship titles with victories over North and South. The varsity defeated North Montgomery 45-39 and against Southmont 47-39. The JV squad scores were 55-45 over North and 47-33 against Southmont. Middle: One group of boys basketball snow shovelers paused for a photo during the school snow day. The team hit the streets to shovel neighbors community members' driveways after the snowfall. Right: The boys basketball team presented the cheerleaders with Jack's Donuts during practice to show their appreciation for their support this season. The team also gave donuts to the CHS band for sharing their talents and supporting the team during home games.



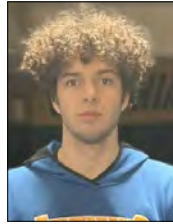
Camron Teeple



Ashton Wilson



Braeden Hites



Calvin Dittmar

## Wrestlers move on to Regionals *Braeden Hites advances to semi-state*

Four Athenians advanced to Regional action on Saturday, Feb. 4.

- 113 - Camron Teeple (4th)
- 152 - Ashton Wilson (3rd)
- 160 - Braeden Hites (2nd)
- 170 - Calvin Dittmar (4th)

Alternates

- 126 - Parker Wray (5th)
- 138 - Landon Vaught (5th)

Following the weekend, Braeden Hites placed 4th and will continue on to semi-state. Congratulations to all wrestlers and good luck at semi-state!

## CMS wrestlers take down WeBo Stars

The Crawfordsville Middle School wrestlers defeated the defending conference champions, Western Boone, for the first time in five years with a close score of 51-48.

## CMS swimmers and divers win all events

The Crawfordsville Middle School swimmers and divers won against Western Boone winning all 24 events of the meet! The girls score was 113-67 and the boys, 121-54.

Several swimmers took 1st in all four of their events including Mila Blackwell, Jade Brattain, Melanie Dowd, Konner Hartlep, Henry Hoar, Mabel Hoar, and Grant Schroeter.



Photo by Greg Flint/Journal Review

CHS Sophia Melevage won four sectional titles and will return to state for the second straight year.

## Heading to STATE!

### *Melevage returns; four new headed to compete*

The Athenian girls swimming and diving team competed at sectionals taking 2nd overall and will send five to state on Friday, Feb. 10.

Results included first place in the 200 Medley of Walker, Schmitzer-Torbert, Hesler, and Melevage; first place in the 200 Freestyle and 100 Fly for Sophia Melevage; Marie Hesler took first in the 500 Free; Guinevere Schmitzer-Torbert took first in the 100 Breaststroke; and the 200 Free Relay team of Melevage, Horton, Hesler, and Schmitzer-Torbert set the pool and school record in winning the relay.

Previously this season, the Athenian swimming and diving teams both won 2nd place in the Sagamore Athletic Conference Championships.

Junior Whitman Horton was the SAC champion in the 100 backstroke which broke three records including the conference, pool, and school records. His time of 50.88 broke Josh Mikesell's time from 1988.

Other wins for the Athenians included the 200 medley relay for both girls and boys, the boys 400 freestyle relay, Sophia Melevage won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, Horton won the 200 IM in addition to the 100 back, Marie Hesler and Campbell Mason both won the 500 free-style, and Guinevere Schmitzer-Torbert won the 100 breaststroke.



# 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## Athenians and Trojans to play final regular season game at old CHS gym

The Crawfordsville High School athletic department is pleased to announce that our February 24th Boys Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball games against Covington High School will be played at the old Crawfordsville High School Gymnasium. Game time for the Junior Varsity contest is 6 pm followed by the varsity game at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the games will be sold at <https://gofan.co/app/events/739603?schoolId=IN542> for \$6 and must be purchased ahead of time. The expectation is this game will be sold out before Feb. 24. Should there be any tickets available, they may be purchased the night of the game by use of a credit or debit card at

the southeast gym entrance. Patrons who have purchased Athenian All-Sports Passes will be allowed to use their passes for entry to this game.

Dr. Scott Bowling, Superintendent of Crawfordsville Schools, broached the idea to play in the old CHS gymnasium early this fall and after a few site visits to the old gym, it was determined that the game could take place with a little work in preparation for the game. "Crawfordsville Community School Corporation is excited to return to a facility that holds so many memories for our alumni and the entire community. There is something special about the old

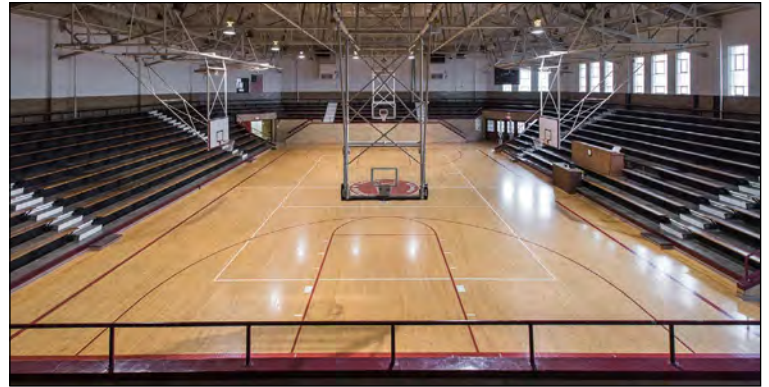
gyms in the state of Indiana. We look forward to capturing some of that for one night on February 24."

The Feb. 24th game will be just two days short of the 30th anniversary of the Athenians' last game played on College Street. The Athenians fell 75-67 in overtime to the Greencastle Tiger Cubs on Feb. 26, 1993, before opening the new school in the fall of 1993.

The old Crawfordsville High School building was purchased in 2019 and remodeled by Iron Men Properties. Iron Men Properties has completed similar projects to Memory Hall in Lebanon and the Nickel Plate Flats in Frankfort. Kimberly Foltz, Property Manager stated, "The Laurel Flats and Iron Men Properties are proud to be a part of

the Crawfordsville community. We are honored to have the opportunity to participate in an event that will bring residents of this great community together in a space where so many of them have fond memories of their past. We are looking forward to meeting those who were students and hearing the stories they have to share."

The maintenance staff at Iron Men Properties and SSC worked over the holiday break to get the facility looking great. The maintenance staff is still completing minor projects to get the gym ready for our game, including changing out light bulbs in the scoreboards, changing out a rim, scrubbing the



gym floor, repair of some bleachers, and other minor projects. Coach David Pierce and Covington Head Coach Evan Morgan, a 2009 Crawfordsville graduate, have been flexible throughout the process as their normal game routines will be tweaked because of playing in the facility. Coach Pierce commented, "We are extremely excited to play a nostalgia game in the old gymnasium. A plethora of people have had to work really hard behind the scenes to pull this event off. Having in-laws (Larry and Danny Dickerson), past teachers and coaches, and a player's dad (Matt McCarty) who have scored thousands of points in the old gym, it brings back tons of memories of what Indiana High School Basketball used to be. Our hope is that this game will allow friends and families of old to relive those memories that bring back the goosebumps of "gameday." Whether it was the cheerleaders, band, pep band or the players and teams, it is a chance to experience it one more time."

Bryce Barton, Director of

Athletics at Crawfordsville High School, had this to say about the game. "We are excited to put this game on for our players, coaches, alumni, and the community of Crawfordsville. Walking back into that gym over the last two months has brought about a lot of fond memories for me personally and I hope that our community shares similar feelings on February 24th. A lot of people have given up their time and effort to make this game possible and I am appreciative of those efforts. I am thrilled that our student-athletes get to play in the old gym. It should be a packed house and a fun environment. It will be a great tune-up for both teams as they enter sectional play the following week."

A reminder to our fans, there is no parking available at the old CHS gymnasium. Fans will need to use on-street parking around the facility and the parking lot at Dr. Philip Michal Trailhead Park. We remind fans to please be considerate of those residents living in Laurel Flats and those surrounding the old gymnasium on game night.

## Girls basketball season ends after sectionals

The girls basketball team's season ended after Danville won 53-16 of the first round of sectional post-season play. The Athenians finished the season 7-16.

The Athenians two seniors are Abby Cox who has played three years and Elyse Widmer, who has played all four years of her time at CHS. .



## *The Athenian Way . . .*

would say hi and smile that smile that lights up a room. Later in the semester, I would be in town shopping and I always seem to run into her. She would see me and say hi and smile that wonderful smile. In two different stores I had workers say "Isn't she the sweetest things ever?" or "I bet you love having her at your school." I agreed with them wholeheartedly. I wish we had more of her positivity in this world."

### **Hayden Jeffries: Nominated by Tom Perkins**

"Hayden is an honor student, with a GPA well over 4.0. He has made only three B's in his five semesters of high school. He will be a third year starter for the CHS Boys Golf squad, and will serve as Co-Captain. My captains are expected to lead on the course and in the classroom. Hayden has shown the ability to lead. He's also very involved in Activity Period Clubs, and is a leader there as well. His ability to lead on the course, in the classroom, and in extracurriculars make him a natural candidate as he follows The Athenian Way daily."

### **Cameron Bowling: Nominated by Keri McDonald**

"Cameron embodies "The Athenian Way!" He comes to school with a positive attitude each and every day. He makes sure to converse with everyone he meets, offers up fist bumps throughout the day to students and staff, helps his peers without hesitation, and joins in on various activities throughout the school year. Cameron shows genuine concern for his peers and encourages them to succeed. He participates in all of the spirit days and attends multiple games of various sports. He has spread his wings this year and is participating in the school musical!"

### **Claire Edwards: Nominated by Brayden Montgomery**

"Claire demonstrates the 5 characteristics of "The Athenian Way" consistently. She takes a lot of pride in her work and takes her classes very seriously. She frequently collaborates with other students to both help or get help. She always treats others with respect and kindness. She is focused and

frequently checks in to make sure she is understanding the material. She does all of this while working for the school newspaper. I think Claire is one of the best examples of modeling "The Athenian Way" at CHS."

### **Claire Edwards: Nominated by Charissa Ajayi**

"Claire puts 100% into every project, every assignment, and every activity set before her. When she runs into a challenge, she faces it head-on and comes out stronger!

In addition to what I have seen of her in my classroom, I have noticed Claire working so diligently on articles for the newspaper. She is in the computer lab before and after school, even when no one else stays.

She played an integral part in helping our school win the Academic Superbowl!

In addition, Claire is the President of the National Art Honor Society where she has volunteered countless hours to serve our school and our community!

She sets the bar for "The Athenian Way." I consider it a blessing to have such a gem in our midst!"

### **Georgianna Hernandez: Nominated by Jon Tebbe**

"Pride - Georgianna has a positive attitude that she shows at all times. She has a lot of positive pride in herself but more importantly the organizations that she is a part of. Georgianna recruited a lot of students to be a part of indoor winds last year and she has recruited even more students to be in band and guard. This shows that she has pride in the organization so much so that she wants to share that experience with others.

Respect - Georgianna is one of the most respectful students I have ever met. She has a great sense of humor and is incredibly teachable. She is always looking for ways to help others and whenever she asks questions she asks "how high" not "why". She is dependable above all else.

Grit - A year and a half ago Georgianna was one of my weaker band students. Over the last year I have seen her put her nose to the ground and her confidence seems

to have skyrocketed. I believe that the talent was always there, but now she knows it is there and she works for her goals. She is one of my strongest musicians and performers. In her first season of indoor guard she is already one of the all-stars of that team.

Kindness - Georgianna's kindness exudes everywhere that she goes. She always has a smile on her face. She is always with friends and laughing. Georgianna brings a positive attitude to any room that she is in. In class and rehearsal Georgianna is always willing to help others that need it. She consistently practices with the other Color Guard members to help them get better. She approaches helping someone as, getting better together, and not helping someone.

Engagement - Georgianna is 100% engaged in the things that she is involved in. She is one of my first alto saxes in concert band, she is my lead alto in jazz band, she is in the large woodwind choir and taking a solo for solo and ensemble. She has been involved in indoor winds, summer marching band, and winter guard. Georgianna is always one of the first to volunteer when I need something done and I can trust that it is done 100%.

Georgianna embodies all five pillars of the Athenian Way. She is an incredibly strong asset to C-ville Band and Guard, CHS, and the community as a whole. I would highly recommend her for this award!"

### **Alayna Hall: Nominated by Caleb Fenimore**

"Alayna is always courteous and kind to others in the classroom. She went out of her way to help another student who was struggling to keep up or needed help on an assignment when the students could work together. Alayna is always respectful and works hard to do her best in my class."

### **Jada Moore: Nominated by David Pierce**

"Jada Moore has demonstrated exemplary qualities of kindness, grit, and pride. First and foremost, Jada is kind-hearted and always puts others before herself. She lights up the room with her smile and positive attitude. She has shown grit by overcoming great

obstacles in her life, most notably the health challenges she has faced over the past year. These experiences have made her a strong and determined individual and she has never let her challenges get in the way of achieving her daily goals and maintaining a 4.22 GPA in 1st Semester. Lastly, Jada has shown great pride in everything that she does and she is always looking for ways to better herself and help others."

### **Bianca Michelle Montes Diaz: Nominated by Chris Ervin**

"Bianca has shown Respect, Involvement, and Kindness throughout Q2. When we had a new student added to the class who spoke no English, I asked Bianca if she could help translate. She took this role to heart, and not only translated, but also explained assignments and worked with this student whenever possible. Bianca did this daily throughout Q2 without any other further prompting from me. This has been a huge help to me as well as to our new student. As Q3 has started, she has already taken it upon herself to help other students in her new class that need language help. It is obvious that she wants to help other people. I appreciate Bianca's willingness to get involved with others and demonstrate kindness as she helps them to succeed."

### **Mia Freeman: Nominated by Molly Whitecotton**

"Mia Freeman is a conscientious student who works hard every day in class. She goes beyond the basic requirements of Spanish lit, asking in-depth questions and exploring the themes and content. Mia has taken the initiative to plan cultural celebrations both in and out of class. She actively participates in spirit days, extra-curricular and athletic events. She takes pride in her work, her culture and her school."

### **Shayla Ingram: Nominated by Alexis Rogers**

"I am nominating Shayla Ingram for "The Athenian Way" award because she has greatly exemplified what it means to be an Athenian. With her involvement and participation in classroom activities along with her kindness and respect for her peers, I believe she is a great candidate for this award."