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The Athenian Oracle

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"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear" **Athenians basketball team goes caroling**



The Crawfordsville boys basketball team spread Christmas cheer by visiting the Ben Hur Nursing Home and Whitlock Place to sing Christmas carols and visit with the residents. Following the nursing home visits, the team stopped at Athenian sports announcer Gary and Sherri Linn's home as well as sports volunteer photographer, Susan Ehrlich's home to share carols with them and show appreciation for their sharing of skills and talents supporting the CHS athletic programs.

Elementary schools participate in Hour of Code

During Computer Science Education Week from December 4 -10, the Crawfordsville Elementary Schools along with schools throughout Indiana, U.S., and the entire world participated in the Hour of Code celebrating computer science. According to the website more than 180 countries participated in 2023 and 1,734,996,543 Hours of Code were served.

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science and demonstrated the basics to everyone

to increase interest in the field. Since then it continues to expand with new topics, themes, and activities, and is now a worldwide effort to celebrate the field of computer science.

Elementary Technology Coordinator, Angie Hale, said this year's focused theme was Artificial Intelligence learning how it works and impacts us. Students in grades two through five could choose from a variety of activities including

**HOUR
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Dance Party: AI Edition which taught AI concepts or an activity to code and create a mini scene/app with interactive characters. Younger students at Hose chose from algorithm activities using math and coding to create their own maze.

The elementaries have now begun their Code.org courses in computer lab learning programming and algorithms, which are part of the Indiana Computer Science Standards for K-8

students. CCSC has been using Code.org for about 10 years.

"I strongly believe teaching computer science helps students develop essential skills they will need in the future which include digital citizenship, creativity, critical thinking, computational thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills," Hale said.

For additional information check out www.hourofcode.com/us to learn more about the Hour and test out some code activities.

Sugar Creek Classic Champions!

JV and Varsity both victorious at annual tourney



Both the Crawfordsville High School JV and Varsity teams claimed the paddle after winning the Sugar Creek Classic tournament. The varsity began Friday night with a win over Western Boone, 56-49, which advanced them to the championship on

Saturday night against Southmont. The Athenians then defeated the Mounties, 53-44, bringing the total number of Sugar Creek Classic titles to five and their second within the last three years.

The CHS JV also defeated Southmont in the championship game.

CHS wrestlers win county; remain undefeated



The Athenian wrestlers won the county title after defeating North and South during Christmas break. The county championship title is the first once since 2009.

Following the wins over North and South, Crawfordsville defeated Riverton Parke continuing their undefeated season record and improving to 16-0.

The Athenians will compete for their next title at the Sagamore Conference meet on Saturday, Jan. 13 at North Montgomery

Hoover movie night has record attendance



The Hoover Student Council hosted movie night showing *Elf* on the large screen in the gym. The event had a record number of guests! The Student Council raised \$1,072.25 for Riley Hospital for Children. Students could buy raffle tickets for a chance to win many great prizes which were donated by many local businesses. Jimmy John's sandwiches were available for purchase along with other snacks and drinks.

Some of this year's prizes included two bicycles donated by Walmart and a set of Pacers tickets to an upcoming game among many other prizes donated by community supporters.



Bowling selected as finalist for IU Wells Scholar Program

Congratulations to Thomas Bowling, CHS senior, who was selected as one of the few finalists for the Wells Scholars Program at Indiana University Bloomington.

The Wells Scholars Program ranks among the most competitive and prestigious awards offered by any American University. If awarded, the full cost of attendance for eight semesters of undergraduate study would be covered by the scholarship.

Bowling will go to the IU Bloomington campus in February to participate in the weekend interview process.



Golden Grecians perform at festival

Mrs. Swick led the Golden Grecians in a performance at the Indianapolis Arts Garden at the Mistletoe Festival during December.



Winter music concerts showcase many talents

The Crawfordsville High School and Middle School had their winter concert performances showcasing all the hard work they've been putting in throughout the semester.

Passports of the World Club samples variety of foods



Passports of the World Club at Hoover Elementary ended the semester with a food-tasting party. Club members sampled foods of the various countries they have studied: Italy, China, Japan, Finland,

Chile, Dubai, Russia, and Egypt.

Students tried foods that they had never had the opportunity to try before. They certainly didn't love everything, but it was a fun adventure!

CHS production of Charley's Aunt is a success

Crawfordsville High School put on a comedic masterpiece of "Charley's Aunt." Directed by Lisa Warren, this play brought side-splitting laughter and a tale of love, mistaken identities, and uproarious hilarity.

In the heart of this uproarious farce is Lord Fancourt Babberley, an undergraduate whose friends, Charley and Jack, persuade him to impersonate Charley's wealthy aunt from Brazil. The complications ensue with the unexpected arrival of the real aunt and the antics of an elderly fortune hunter.

The production held at Crawfordsville High School in the Connie L. Meek Auditorium, transported the audience to a world where love and laughter took center stage. "Charley's Aunt" explored the timeless theme of young love, intertwined with the comedic brilliance of mistaken identities filled with laughter and joy for audiences of all ages.

Director Warren said, "Directing this production has been a thoroughly rewarding experience. The cast has mastered the comedic timing required for an exceptional farce, and it has been a joy to witness the growth of our performers." Seniors Nivek Witt, Cimbria Bowling, and Brenden Warren share their unique perspectives and experiences, emphasizing the familial bond that developed during rehearsals. Witt (Sir Francis) states, "participating in Charley's Aunt has been nothing short of a purely rewarding experience. Getting to bond with the cast and tech crew during the show has been an experience I do not take for granted and will forever cherish." Bowling (Kitty) says "being able to laugh with each other has been the most memorable and meaningful thing. Warren (Lord Fancourt Babberly) shares "the rehearsal process has been a fun ride!"



Nicholson Elementary honors students

Before Christmas break, Nicholson Elementary honored selected Noble Knight award winners for demonstrating great character this semester.

In addition, students who showed growth and progress in i-Ready reading and math testing were given a certificate for their hard work and improvement. Congratulations to all students!

Door decorating contests celebrate the season

Several schools buildings throughout CCSC had door decorating contests to celebrate the Christmas season.

Both Hose and Nicholson incorporated student creativity and participation as a requirement while Crawfordsville High School had their annual friendly staff competition.



Hose students excited about door decorating

Hose Elementary students and teachers competed in a door decorating contest for winter time. Each classroom came up with an idea for their door and students participated in the creation of their doorway. A

team of judges from Central Office came and evaluated the doors. Winning teams were presented with a certificate and had their names on announcements. Ms. Burns' class took top honors with their gingerbread



house theme. Second place was a tie with Mrs. Morehouse and Mrs. Krug because they connected their theme doors together.

Third place was a four-way tie including Miss Aguilar's "Feliz Navidog" theme.

Top CHS staff door winners

Nicholson class contest winners



Additional creative decorated doors

