

CCS NEWSPAPER



ALMOST PERFECT SEASON FOR CCS

"This game was definitely the most challenging, but I love the competition," a player from Bellingham Christian said in response to how the game was going so far. Their soccer team had won all their games, and this last game on October 26, was going to be their hardest. However, our elementary team had it even harder. Bellingham had been undefeated earlier in the season, and Grade 7/8 put in all their effort to win this last game.

"We've won every game but Bellingham," Emma D. says. Clearly, the team was a force to be reckoned with, but the Cougars were not far behind. With a large team of 21 players, almost half of their team were on the sidelines as subs, while the other half of the team were playing with vicious energy.

"There were a lot of kids this year; we pretty much had two teams as size." Mr. Harvey Pelleboer, the team's coach said. Part of the Cougar's success must be credited to Mr. Pelleboer as coach, as he gave "helpful tips and constructive criticism." Another said that Mr. Pelleboer was "good at soccer and coaching, making the practices enjoyable and warmed us up for the season."

Mr. Pelleboer has been playing soccer since he was a child and is known to be a formidable player. Coaching a team is a lot harder than simply playing the game though, and luckily he has been coaching around 6-10 years. He knows his stuff. Although the number of people on the soccer team was very large, Mr. Pelleboer says about them, "They all put in a good effort, they did



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well.”

He appreciated the excitement the kids had about soccer, and that they got along well together.

The Cougars lost the game 7 - 4 that cold day, and though there were some extraordinary plays and goals, a few players said that as a team, they could improve by “better passing and communication, along with spreading out.”

Vincent K. agreed and added, “Our defense is clumping up sometimes, and the mid-fielders need to spread out and help with the defense.”

Another player commented that they could improve by chasing after the ball and heavily defending their person.

Despite their struggles, the Cougars had a great season this year, sometimes winning games with a really high win-to-loss ratio, and on a few occasions just managing a win. Emma D. says that if she could do it again, she most definitely would, and will miss the fellowship their team had most of all.

All in all, the games were a great opportunity to develop not only their soccer skills, but also team collaboration. Many parents came out to watch the games and found them to be very entertaining. As the season came to a close, seeing the success and fun these kids had, we may thank the Lord for the blessings and enjoyment throughout the season.



Written by Shantel H.

NEW TEACHER FOR SPANISH SPARKS

"This year of Cornerstone Christian School 2023-2024 we welcome new teachers and students. With the absence of Mr. Stromberg and Mrs. Van Staaldunin, two new teachers came to fill in those spots. Mr. Stephen Chase, and Mrs. Hannah Gonzalez.

Mrs. Gonzalez is teaching high school Spanish for grades eleven and twelve, and also third and fourth-grade subjects, such as social studies, music, science, and current events.

The young teacher, originally a student at Cornerstone, has come back to the starting place of her learning for many reasons.

"I am super excited for Spanish," She says, "When I grew up and took Spanish classes, I feel like I learned a lot of verb charts and grammar, but not really how to speak the language. I am excited to give the students a new hands-on, applicable, language experience."

She is eager to inspire students to learn and share her zeal for learning with everybody. Plus her younger brother and niece go to the school, which is not only thrilling for the teacher, but for the family as well.

Her interest in Spanish started in Grade 12. Mrs. Gonzalez went on a mission trip to Nicaragua, and used, "what little Spanish I knew to help translate for my group."

Mrs. Gonzalez was with a bunch of Canadians who knew no Spanish. She used her knowledge of the

native language to help and provide for her Canadian and Hispanic friends. One of the ways Mrs. Gonzalez was able to grow in her journey was by visiting native Spanish areas. Mrs. Gonzalez was able to live in Nicaragua for four and a half months. Then she spent another four and a half months in Belize, which is right next to the Mexican border and has more Spanish and English-speaking residents. Finally, she spent some time in Costa Rica. Not only that, but Mrs. Gonzalez's husband's extended family lives in Mexico, and she goes there to visit them.

In the past, Mrs. Gonzalez always taught Spanish in an immersive setting, which is an "incredible way to learn a language. It's more like the way a baby learns a language, less effort."

She has learned how to use this in a high school setting, and is excited to take her knowledge and share it with her high school students, which will be a new experience for all!

"In an ideal world where finance is not a problem, I would love to do more hands-on things like cooking in Spanish, going on little field trips, and finding ways to connect with other native speakers," she explains. "What would be cool would be to take the 11th and 12th grade class on a mission trip somewhere."

Lynden American Reformed Church is connected to a few mission posts in Mexico, which would be a very cool way to learn and help others in Christ; in Spanish!

¡Que Dios te bendiga! (May God bless you!)

Written by Shantel H.

Book Character Day - November 29 2023



A THANKFUL CONCERT

On November 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Cornerstone Christian School's elementary classes (K-6) participated in singing and praising the Lord for the Thanksgiving program. Lynden ARC church's benches were filled with supporting families, including uncles, aunts, and even grandparents. For the past 8 weeks, the students have been practicing the songs, with the teachers to help them.

The whole program, being approximately an hour, impressed the parents and teachers of these kids greatly. In the first few minutes of the program, Mrs. Johnson opened up with a welcome, scripture reading, and prayer. The first song was called "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing", and brought attention to all the kids. Some highlights from this performance were the 2 songs that the grades 5-8 choir girls sang, "You Are My All in All" and "Make Joyful Noise", with accompaniment from Mrs. Kottlenberg on the piano. These girls have been practicing since the beginning of the school year to get their songs just right for the performance. The group of kindergartners also joined in the concert to share a few songs that they had been practicing.

A couple of different instruments were used in this concert, including the bells, soprano and alto recorders.

In the middle of the concert, in the song "Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord," the whole audience joined in to sing. At the end of the program, Mr. S. Hofford closed in prayer.

We give thanks to Mrs. D. Johnson for directing, Mrs. M. Kottlenberg and Mrs. M. Bouwman for playing the piano, and all the elementary staff for helping the students practice their songs.



JOKES

1. What was Boaz like
before he met Ruth?

2. Why do we tell
actors to "break a
leg?"

3. What is green, covered in
Christmas lights and Christmas
bulbs, and goes ribbit?

4. Knock, knock! ?
Whos there?

Justin.

Justin who?

Justin time for Christmas
cookies!

5. What do you call an
empty parrot cage?

6. How do we know Peter
was a rich fisherman?

7. How do you open a
banana?

8. What do snowmen eat
for dessert?

9. Knock, knock!
Who's there?

Avery.

Avery who?

Avery Merry Christmas to you!

10. Why was the equal
sign so humble?

11. Where is the first tennis
match mentioned in the
Bible?

12. My wife told me to
stop acting like a
flamingo, so I had to put
my foot down.

13. What's the difference
between the Christmas
alphabet and the ordinary
alphabet?

14. Knock, knock! Who's
there? Noah. Noah who?
Noah good Christmas joke?

15. What is a math
teacher's favorite
vacation destination?

**Answers on
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ANSWERS AND CROSSWORD

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ruthless | 11. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court. |
| 2. Because every play has a cast. | 13. The Christmas alphabet has Noel. |
| 3. A mistle-toad. | 15. Times Square |
| 5. A polly-gone | |
| 6. By his net income. | 10. |
| 7. With a mon-key. | |
| 8. Ice crispies. | |
| 10. He knew he wasn't less than or greater than anyone else. | |

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