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A Christmas Concert

by Lauren Kostoff, CCA Student

On Tuesday, as a merriment of instruments united into perfect harmony and countless people raised their voices heavenward, one King was praised. Magnificent glory for the King, whose birth we celebrate, unfolded at CCA's annual Christmas concert.

Students, teachers, even administrators participated in this astounding event. As the band instructor, Mr. Mullen witnessed first hand the impact everyone's participation had on this event. "We are blessed to be in a place where there is such an abundance of talent, willing service, support, and flexibility from the entire CCA/CCFL community as pastors, staff, faculty, administration, athletics, and fine arts have all tailored their schedules and workload to accommodate this huge annual event. "It was visible to all that those on stage praised God wholeheartedly and the result of such devotion created an unforgettable concert. Those in attendance could clearly see the choir singing, the band playing, the dancers performing—all in perfect

harmony. But what wasn't visible to the audience was the months, weeks, and final days leading up to this concert., as students in band and choir persevered through seemingly endless rehearsals. It could have been easy for students to get caught up in the frenzy surrounding this event, but Jenny Kane, of the high school choir, put it all in perspective before the concert as she encouraged her peers to be still and know that He is God. Despite the anxiousness and excitement, she encouraged them to trust in Him.

The final product of this concert proved to be a blessing for both the participants as well as those in attendance. This double-blessing was an answered prayer for Mr. Mullen, who strived for this concert to honor God in more ways than one. "Our prayers are two-fold: for the audience to be drawn to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ by the talents and service of our students and



staff; and that our students who represent the next generation of servants to expand His Kingdom, would be encouraged and strengthened!"

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Merry Christmas!

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Movie Review

by Ashley Williams, CCA Student

The Golden Compass

The highly imaginative and enrapturing cinema production, *The Golden Compass*, has become a lightning rod of controversy among Christians. The reason? The film is based on a book authored by avowed atheist Phillip Pullman, who has a simple, and not so subtle, agenda — to expose the “supposed” flaws of the Christian church (known in the story as the Magisterium) and faith, including the underpinning biblical account of the Fall. The Magisterium is depicted as an evil authority trying to repress human freedom and sexuality. While the film version of the story is well-done with its captivating special effects which children love, the storyline is dangerous and Christians should be informed about the underlying message so that they can intelligently discuss where Pullman has gone wrong.

Having seen *The Golden Compass* and been informed about its underlying meanings, the subtle correlations the author is trying to draw to the Christian church were evident and frightening. However, because these are very subtle in this story, many movie-goers that have not been informed about the author’s agenda, will not see the parallels and will just view the film as another fantasy cinema production, like *Star Wars*. Because *The Golden Compass* is the first book in a trilogy of books, I believe the real danger is still coming. An Australian newspaper quoted Pullman, “My books are about killing God.” The paper reported, “The most direct attacks upon Christianity and God do not appear until the last book, *The Amber Spyglass*, in which Lyra and Will (a boy her age who first appears in the second book) eventually kill God, who turns out to be a decrepit and feeble old imposter who was hardly worth the killing.”

Christians have an obligation to become knowledgeable about Pullman and his agenda and to not speak recklessly about the stories lest his agenda be furthered even more! As God’s children, we need to be prepared to discuss the ideas presented in the film from a biblical worldview and demonstrate our willingness to engage in these discussions. Opportunities to share our faith will abound in the coming weeks as millions of people see the film, so let’s seize the moment and do just that!

School News for everyone

The Learning Enrichment Lab

Does your child take a long time to complete their work, to learn a concept or often misunderstand verbal or written information? The CCA Learning Enrichment Lab may be able to help. The Lab utilizes Essential Learning Systems, an individualized computer program that can help repair faulty sensory processes. The approach focuses on mastery, positive reinforcement and motivation which results in significant gains in grade-level equivalencies, test scores, self-esteem and overall performances. The ELS educational approach experiences significant success because of its systematic instruction and universal design of learning. One parent states, “The ELS program is giving my son the chance to succeed in school.” Another mother writes, “I have to say it is worth every penny to see our children learn and become self-confident ... My husband and I are very pleased with this program.” Please contact Pam Walker at 954-556-4483 or pamw@cca eagles.org if you would like more information on this program.

About Banners & Ads...

Have you noticed the banners on the fence along the west end of our athletic field? These banners have been purchased by area businesses, and they will remain on display for the next year.

We are grateful for those companies purchasing banners, and we would encourage you to show your appreciation for their generosity by supporting them when possible. Also, you may have seen our seasonal— fall, winter and spring athletic sports programs along with our fine arts playbills. These resources also provide wonderful opportunities for businesses to gain advertising exposure.

Advertising in the fall sports program and the fine arts playbill, along with banner sales has resulted in raising over \$1,100 for CCA’s athletic and fine arts programs. If you would like to contribute by placing an ad or purchasing a banner, please contact Pastor Tom Crenshaw at 954-905-5167.



“From all of us at CCA...
Merry Christmas everyone!”

School News for secondary

CCA Equestrian Team Gives Glory to God...

After a great turnout for their first team show on December 1, at Sunshine Meadows in Delray, the CCA Equestrian team was led by 7th grader Amber Hopper who rode as the team point rider with a solid 12 points. Arianna Mato, also in the 7th grade, finished with 3rd and 5th place ribbons. Megan Alfieri, a freshman at CCA, finished with 1st and 5th place ribbons. Jessica Friestat, a home-schooler, ended with two 4th place ribbons in her flat and over fences classes. Lastly, Gia Andrews also competed as a member of the CCA team in both the flat and over fences. We encourage the students at CCA to come out and support the riders at our next show which will take place at Sunshine Meadows on February 16 and 17, 2008.

Confident Kids Powerful Additions

What do you get when you add kids in need, caring female facilitators, three CCA senior football players, and Jesus? You guessed it— young lives positively impacted for the glory of God. Since Nick Beach, Derrick Forrest and Matt Sprouse



The CCA Auction rocked the house last Friday. Stay tuned for more coverage on this CCA annual event in the upcoming Weekly—January 10, 2008.

first walked into our Confident Kids program before our Thanksgiving break, we have been experiencing a powerful shift in the healing process. The look on the faces of the children were of awe and disbelief. In their little hearts and minds, I'm sure they asked, "How could popular senior athletes want to hang out with us afterschool?" The answer was simple: our seniors were used by God to love on these precious kids who need it most. This is proof that God's Word is being planted deep here at CCA and bearing fruit. I urge you to continue to pray for this ministry and your involvement. Seek Him in faith, fervently praying, selflessly asking and wait on Him... because He cares and loves us, especially His little children. —Maria Muller



School News for elementary

After-School Programs

3rd Quarter Online Registration

Registration for 3rd Quarter will begin on Friday, January 11, 2008. After School Programs include Intramural Sports (3rd-5th grade), Fine Arts enrichment classes and clubs (1st – 6th grade) and ACE (Pre-K–2nd grade). The registration process will start on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 9am and end on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 9pm. To register, simply go to www.ccaeagles.org and click on the link for **After School Activities** to view the offerings as well as register. Please note that **registration is online only** and payment is required at the time of registration. If you have any questions, you may send an e-mail to ccafterschool@ccaeagles.org

Congratulations, Noel Picinich!

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade all participated in drawing a Christmas picture for a contest from which one piece of art would be selected to represent Calvary Chapel for this year's outreach program. It was difficult for the judges to pick only one because there were so many beautiful pieces of art to choose from. Noel's piece was on the front cover of the 12/1 Calvary Connection as well as the Outreach Door Hangers. Thank you Noel for making the merriest time of year even merrier. We are all so proud of you!

Unscripted



J.B.'s Final Curtain Call

by Lisa Flay

How blessed and honored I was to work with a group of not only talented but spiritually diligent young people during the production of J.B. These students tackled a full – blown tragedy written in verse with such enthusiasm and dedication. The rehearsal process was strenuous and difficult at times. So many things seemed to explode at the last minute attempting to thwart our efforts. We learned as a cast and crew that we cannot do anything (even a high school play) in our own strength. We learned that in all of our weaknesses He is so strong. As a director, I was brought to tears several times during the run of the show, and not because a line was dropped or a cue was missed. Sometimes I wept because of the deep anguish the actors conveyed through their characterizations, but a few times I wept because my mind would flash back to the cast and crew, joined in hands and hearts, fasting and praying for God's will to prevail in the telling of this story. Their humble prayers rang out asking God to touch the hearts of each person in the audience while strengthening and sustaining them as they performed. I know those genuine prayers touched the ears of God because so many people expressed how their hearts were touched and their lives changed by this dramatic viewing of Job's steadfast faith in God...

May we all aspire to the faith of Job so we too may see God!

Upcoming Events

•WED, DEC. 19 - Last Day before Christmas Break

•DEC. 20 - JAN. 2
Christmas Break - No School

•JAN. 9 - 12
Florida Music Educators Association Conference

•JAN. 25 - 26
One Act Festival

•JAN. 29 - 31
Spring Musical Auditions

Virtue of the Month

December: *Giving*

Definition: *Making a habit of blessing others.*

Memory Verse: "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."
—1 Timothy 6:18, NIV

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Our next CCA Weekly will be distributed on January 10, 2008. Until then, from our families to yours...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Volunteers Extraordinary People

by Jessica Matthews, CCA Student

Volunteers are an integral part of the Body of Christ, and their dedication is indispensable to our school.

God blesses His children with different spiritual gifts; some people are teachers, some are encouragers, and others are servants. CCA runs smoothly when these gifts are utilized in collaborative harmony. CCA depends heavily on its volunteers, and these servants' dedication allow the teachers to teach to the best of their ability, allow the leaders to focus on leading, and so on.

CCA currently has 250 volunteers that participate in activities ranging from high school prom, to cafeteria duty, to missionary programs. In volunteering, you support the mission through which your child is being raised. Although volunteering requires a sacrifice of time, volunteer Tracy Carignan finds that the spiritual benefits of volunteering far outweigh this sacrifice. "You will be blessed, your kids will be blessed; everything in your crazy day will fall into place," she says. Volunteer Mary Matthews recalls being blessed during a past event when she was able to hear students' hearts as they prayed. Whether you prayerfully determine to volunteer for a

few hours every week or once a month, every effort helps. Mrs. Carignan also points out that even while waiting to pick up children from sports practices and fine arts rehearsals, parents can assist teachers and administrators. However, volunteering is about more than just helping teachers. "As these parents serve, they will experience much joy. When they help out, they are being an extension of Christ," says Mrs. Pamela Sturman, CCA Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteering truly requires a servant's humble heart; in serving, parents not only become involved with their children's academic life but also make close friends. Most importantly, volunteers deepen their relationship with Christ as they seek to glorify Him with their diligence: "Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus." —1 Timothy 3:13. If the Lord leads you to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Sturman at Pamelas@ccaeagles.org to learn how you can help CCA grow as a thriving and healthy community.



Deborah Wysocki, Susan Hall, Pam Sturman and Geri Rubin in Mrs. Vlachos 4th Grade Class, celebrating Thanksgiving with students.

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SPORT SHORTS

Sports Schedule 12/17 - 12/22

HOME GAMES
IN BOLD

Mon. Dec. 17, 2007

V Boys Basketball @ Upper Room
Christian 7:00
JV Boys Basketball @ Upper Room
Christian 5:30
**MS Boys A Basketball vs. Coral
Springs Christian 6:30**
**MS Boys B Basketball vs. Coral
Springs Christian 5:30**
**MS Girls Basketball vs. Ft Laud
Christian 4:30**
**MS Girls Basketball vs. Ft Laud
Christian 3:30**
V Girls Soccer vs. Posnack 4:00

Tues Dec. 18, 2007

JV Boys Basketball vs. Yeshiva 6:30
MS Boys Basketball A vs. WA 3:30
MS Boys B @ Highlands Christian 4:45
JV Girls Basketball vs. Yeshiva 5:00
6th Girls Basketball @ Highlands 3:30

Wed. Dec. 19, 2007

Tri-Meet @ American Heritage vs
Miami/Edison 4:00

Thurs Dec. 20, 2007

V Girls Basketball @ AAA vs. Upper
Room Christian 2:00
All Girls & Boys Basketball teams
outing @ AAA 2:00

Fri. Dec. 21, 2008

Chick-fil-A Holiday Classic @FLC
V Girls Basketball vs. Horeb Christian
4:00
V Boys Basketball vs. Horeb Christian
5:30

Sat. Dec. 22, 2007

Chick-fil-A Holiday Classic @FLC
V Girls Basketball vs. TBA 9:00am or
Noon



Sixth Grade Basketball Girls team with Head Coach Mark Kreisel (far left) and Asst. Coach Michael Coartney (far right).

GAME RESULTS

V Boys Soccer vs. Chaminade: Chaminade 3-0
V Boys Soccer vs Highlands:Highlands 6-0
V girls Soccer vs Sagemont: Sagemont 5-3
V Girls Soccer vs Chaminade: Chaminade2-1
JV Boys Soccer vs. SF Heat: CCA 4-0
JV Girls Basketball vs. NW Christian: CCA 35-23
JV Girls Basketball vs American Heritage: CCA 21-8
JV Boys Basketball vs. Upper Room: CCA 59-16
JV Boys Basketball vs. Ft Laud Christian CCA 51-34
JV Boys Basketball vs. NW Christian: CCA 54-13
JV Boys Soccer vs Highlands: CCA 2-1
MS A Boys Basketball vs. Abundant Life: AL 41-37
MS A Boys Basketball vs Sheridan Hills: CCA 43-28
V Boys Basketball vs. Upper Room: UR 68-66
V Boys Basketball vs. NW Christian: CCA 84-67
V Boys Basketball vs. Ft Laud Christian: CCA 71-60
JV Girls Basketball vs. Pine Crest: PC 38-19
6th Girls Basketball vs. Abundant Life: CCA 35-8
6th Girls Basketball vs Sheridan Hills: SH 16-15
MS B Boys Basketball vs Sheridan Hills: CCA 36-23
MS Girls Basketball vs. Abundant Life: AL 45-7
MS girls Basketball vs. Mater Gardens: CCA 42-1
MS Girls Basketball vs Sheridan Hills: SH 24-7
CCA Wrestling vs. Monarch High: MA 52-22
CCA Wrestling vs. Boyd Anderson: CCA 42-34

Eagles Play at the American Airlines Arena

Come see the CCA Varsity Girls Basketball team as they play at the AAA on Thursday, December 20, at 2:00pm. **Free Admission.** If you plan on staying to watch the Miami Heat take on the New Jersey Nets that evening at 7:00pm, tickets are on sale in the Athletic Office for \$30 each. A portion of the proceeds will benefit CCA athletics.

Fall Sports Awards Night Set for January 7, at 6:00pm

Be sure to register for the Fall Sports Awards Night by visiting our website before January 3, 2008. The cost for this event is \$5.00 per person, which includes desert and coffee. If you have any questions, please contact Denises@cceaegles. Come celebrate and congratulate our athletes for a job well done!

Discipleship on Display

After suffering a huge defeat to Monarch High, the mighty Eagles got back on track by defeating Boyd Anderson. Strong performances by Dominick Pierre and Julani Callender, with Anthony Schneider and Ben Sturman contributing to the victory. After the match, the Lord moved in a major way as the teams and coaches gathered together in the center of this public school gymnasium and prayed together and chanted, "Go Jesus!" More wrestling champions crowned at the Wellington tournament on Saturday, December 8th. Congratulations to David Lima, Jahlani Callender and Daniel Jones for winning their division, as well as 11 other team members who also won medals at this event.

Spring Sport Sign-ups

If you are planning on playing any of the following spring sports, please contact the coach:

Baseball: Bill Schott bills@cceaegles.org

Softball: Ron Cramer ronc@cceaegles.org

Track and Field: Wayne Cole Waynec@cceaegles.org

Tennis: Marty Fanning martyf@cceaegles.org