



Won by One

by *Emily L.*

Welcome back Cougars to a new and exciting year! Let's start off the school year strong! Our theme for this year is Won by One, based on the verse from 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." This is a perfect verse that reminds us that Jesus has won our salvation through His death.

Our picture for the verse is also important. The Luther's Seal is the "O" for Won, and that represents the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation. The "O" in One is the thorn crown that Jesus wore while He was on the cross. This reminds us about what Jesus did for us, when He died on the cross to take away our sins. He won our forgiveness.

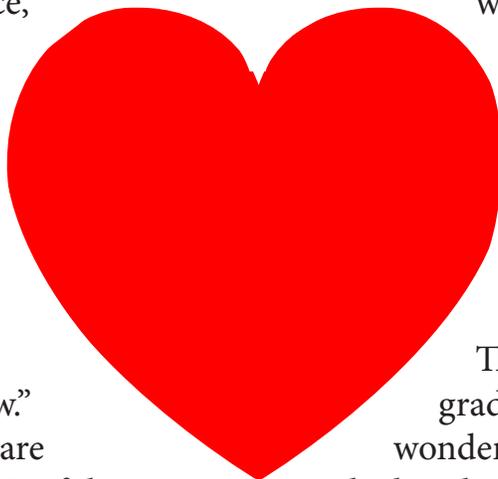


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- 1 Corinthians 15:57

Fruit of the Spirit by *Jaylee S.*

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law." This year, we are studying a fruit of the



spirit each month. This is to remind us of the attributes we are to show as Christians led by the Holy Spirit. This month we are looking at love. The second graders did a wonderful job on the love bulletin board

this month. If you have not seen it, I recommend you check it out near the gym. Love is an intense feeling of deep affection for someone or something. "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be called children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

Preschool News

by *Aria T.*

Just like the main campus, the preschoolers have started right into a busy school year! Our preschool campuses are at St. Lucas and Timothy Lutheran churches. The preschool teachers are Mrs. Maxfield, Mrs. Bowling, and Ms. O-Toole.

Mrs. Maxfield's class is using the story of the three little pigs to learn about animal homes. They are making homes out of different materials. The goal is to get them to withstand a hair dryer, a.k.a. the big bad wolf. It's an exciting time to be learning new things!



Thomas and Ezra are working hard to build strong homes.

The Cross Country team is full of young talent. They are having an amazing year and the coaches, Mr. Hanke and Mrs. Poppitz, are very proud of the athletes. "They've come so far since the first practice. We're so proud of how they've learned to pace themselves and to push to the finish," Mrs. Poppitz remarked.

Highlights of the Month

by *Noah C.*

From the first day of school, to the last weeks of September, a lot has happened. We were excited the first day of school, to come back to a brand new playground. We watched in awe as we experienced a once in a lifetime, total solar eclipse. Our teams fought hard at every volleyball match, and cross country meet. We laughed along with the Windy City Players and their rendition of Robin Hood. It has been a great few weeks, and we are excited for the rest of the year.

SPORTS

Volleyball

by *Ethan B.*

The volleyball Cougars are off to a strong start this season. The team has played six matches, and they have won all of them. They played in the Green Park Tournament which was a learning experience for the team. There were many large schools that were competitive. The Cougars learned that they need to have more aggressive serves and, "We need to move our feet," said Laanu. "The season is going pretty good and I like to play with my friends," said Aria. The team is led by 8th grade captains, Aria and Laanu. There are three 8th graders, four 7th graders, and three 6th graders. New coach, Mrs. Maxfield, concludes, "I am very proud of all of our players. They have shown great growth since the beginning of the season in all of their skills. One strength of this team is that they never give up. They have come back from large deficits to win the games. It has been a joy to coach them." Keep it up, Cougars!



Setter, Emily L., sets the ball for a hitter to spike in practice.

Cross Country by *Derek P.*

Top finishers so far this season are:
Lilly W., 3rd grader - 6th place @ Messiah
Jacob H., 3rd grader- 6th place @ Messiah
Kaydee T., 2nd grader - 1st place @ Luth. South
Reed S., 1st grader - 3rd place @ Luth. South
Antoine W., 5th grader - 5th place @ Luth. South
Keep up the good work, Cougars!

Cougar Contests

by *Aria T.*

It's a new school year, and a new newspaper. That means new contests! This month, the contest is going to be eclipse art. You can draw the eclipse with whatever materials you want, crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint, or pastels. Make your art, then turn it in the red basket by the office. Remember to try your best and be creative! The winner will be recognized in the next month's Roar edition.

Survey

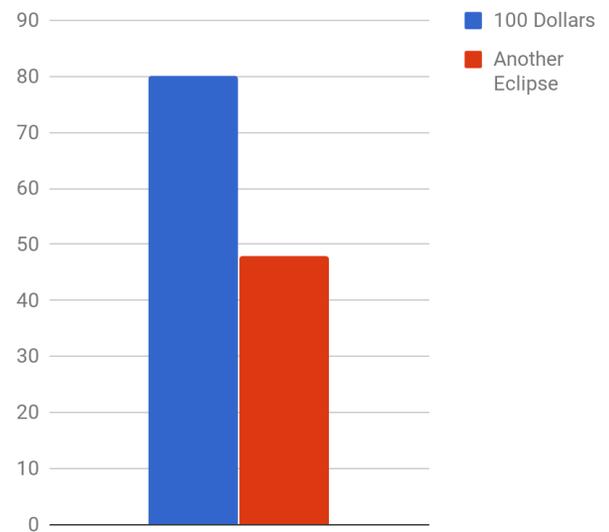
by *Noah C. and Jaylee S.*

This month we did a survey to see how many students would rather see another solar eclipse or get 100 dollars. We surveyed everyone in our school from kindergarten through eighth grade. The results varied from class to class. In some classes, the majority chose

100 dollars, and in other classes, the exact opposite.

Overall, the majority of Word of Life students would prefer receiving \$100 rather than view another solar eclipse. This was an interesting survey that discovers people's priorities.

Would you rather have \$100, or see another eclipse?



Celebrity Look Alikes

by *Winta K. and Janet P.*

This is the first ever 2017-18 school year student celebrity look-alike, and we are coming back better than ever! We've got exciting new look-alikes... You might even be one! This week's contestants are from the 8th grade.



C.J., 8th grade



Wayne Brady



Malin, 8th grader



Bruno Mars

You might recognize energetic CJ. He remarkably looks like the actor and host, Wayne Brady. Wayne is from the show, "Let's Make a Deal" and his own show, "The Wayne Brady Show". The next contestant is a real jokester. His name is Malin, and he looks just like singer songwriter, Bruno Mars who has won 5 Grammys.

Movie Review

by *Hawa S. and Derek P.*

This month's movie review is The Emoji Movie intended for younger kids. This movie is about emojis hidden in a smartphone. Gene, Hi-5, and Jailbreak travel through different apps, discovering something that could threaten their existence. This movie is still in theaters, and a great movie to watch. It's rated PG, and it's enjoyable if you love a good laugh and EMOJIS!



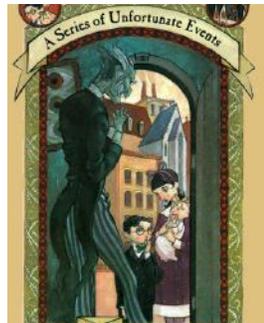
Our second movie review is Wonder Woman. Wonder Woman is about a girl with hidden powers, but doesn't realize it until one day while she's training. She meets an American pilot and fights alongside men, all taking place during World War I. Wonder Woman is trying to find the Roman god, Ares, and to bring peace to the world. Wonder Woman is rated PG-13. It's recommended for older students who like action. Wonder Woman is still in theaters.



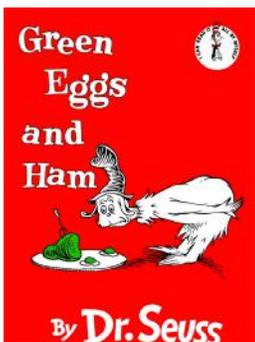
Book Review

by *Emily L.*

Reading is important and fun! But sometimes it's not fun when you have a boring book. One book that all middle schoolers may like is The Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. This series is a thrilling and mysterious novel that will make you question all of the events. The book revolves around the characters Violet, Klaus, and Sunny, the "Baudelaire Children". As the title eludes, almost everything terrible happens to them. What happens to the children? How do they get through it? You'll have to find out for yourself!



All ages love to read, so we can't leave out the primary grades! The famous Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss is loved by all. The simple words and rhyme make it fun to read. This book is not only fun to read, but it also teaches a valuable life lesson: Try new and different things before you say you don't like them.



Video Game Review

by *Gavin S.*

You may know the console that has run all over the market since it became a multi-million dollar franchise, the PS or Playstation. This was created by Sony Computer Entertainment. The first ever Playstation came about on December 3, 1994. The graphics were very pixelated and not the best running system out there. The next Playstation called the Playstation 2 or PS2 came out in March 4, 2000. It was an improvement with a much more advanced set up in graphics, play style, and an all new variety of games. The Ps2 also introduced joystick controls. The Next model of the Playstation was called the Ps3, which came out in November 11, 2006. This system was much like the Ps2 but



Video Game Review (continued)

the graphics took on the biggest change. This system introduced HDMI which improved the graphics, almost realistic. The controllers were also different from the Ps2 because they were wireless and ran on a rechargeable battery. The next and newest version of the Playstation was the Ps4. This system came out on November 15, 2013. This beast introduced a much sturdier build, built in touchpad and a L.E.D light which included a sensor to show where you are pointing the controller for an easier way of typing, crystal clear graphics, and a very similar motor as a computer. This system is the best quality of any game system. The next Playstation which is called the Ps5 is coming out end of 2018.

Restaurant Review: The Fountain on Locust

by *Emily L.*

Do you love great food and ice cream? If you do, come down to The Fountain on Locust where they have just that! The Fountain on Locust is located on 3037 Locust St. Mid-town St.Louis and it's worth the drive! They have exceptional soup, one of a kind, made-from-scratch food and great ice cream! They also have a seasonal menu that will satisfy your taste buds.



To start it all off you have to get the Fig and Bacon Flat. Flat bread is covered with fig spread that has the mouth watering flavors of bacon and apple and white cheddar or gorgonzola cheese. After that you have all the choices in the world for the main entree. I recommend getting one of their sandwiches like the Hot Roast Beef Melt. It has savory roast beef with melted white cheddar, rosemary grilled onions, tangy horseradish on a baked baguette. And to wash it all down you can get one of their old-fashioned phosphate sodas! They have many flavors like pomegranate all the way to hibiscus. Now to top it all off, ice cream! There are milkshakes, sundaes, and all the way to three scoop cones. But food is not the only great thing they have. Their restaurant is themed around the hand-painted art deco from 1916. So come to The Fountain on Locust, with their great food and decor. It will definitely make you want to come back for more!

Recipe of the Month

by *Hawa S.*

The recipe of the month is Apple Crisp II from www.TastyKitchen.com. It's the perfect fall dessert, best served with ice cream, and it's easy to make with your family.

INGREDIENTS

10 cups all-purpose apples, peeled, cored and sliced

1 cup white sugar

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ cup water

1 cup quick-cooking oats

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup packed brown sugar

¼ teaspoon baking powder

½ cup butter, melted

PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degree C).

Place the sliced apples in a 9x13 inch pan. Mix the white sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and ground cinnamon together, and sprinkle over apples.

Pour water evenly over all.

Combine the oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and melted butter together. Crumble evenly over the apple mixture.

Birthdays

by Winta K. and Janet P.

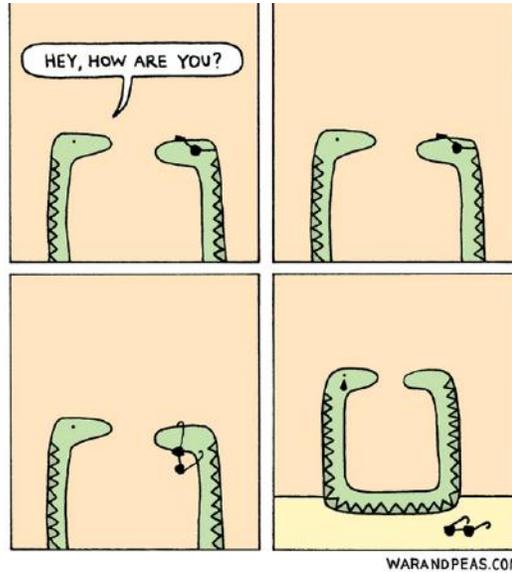
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 Shia Wilson 8/8
 Ian Baumhoff 8/8
 Aiden Zaza 8/12
 Christin Jloah 8/12
 Autumn Cutak 8/13
 Madelyn Garcia 8/17
 James Davis IV 8/19
 William Maxfield 8/23
 Hawa Sesay 8/31
 Robert Morton 9/1
 Khloe Mayo 9/2
 Joshua Roedsens 9/5
 Kibur Bezabih 9/7
 Riley Rockfeller 9/7
 Zane Norris 9/9
 Gavin Schmidt 9/12
 Skylar Lewis 9/15
 Pharrell Galloway 9/18
 Andrew Rai 9/19
 Lila Inman 9/28
 Brenden Brock 9/28

Baptismal Birthdays

by Winta K. and Janet P.

Abgail Woldeyhannes 8/1
 Anya Stiles 8/2
 Kiera Stiles 8/2
 Jacob Hanke 8/3
 Gavin Schulz 8/5
 Nabishina Francesco 8/8
 Chloe Jennings 8/10
 Kibur Bezabih 8/10
 Elizabeth Buttram 8/12
 Alicia Klug 8/19
 Ella Haywood 8/25
 Lisa VanCleve 9/9
 Derek Pfeuffer 9/11
 Gavin Schmidt 9/21
 Will Maxfield 9/25
 Zoe Wilson 9/26
 Peighton Gerner 9/28
 Gavin Hanke 9/2010

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