



From the Eagle's Nest

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Surgery Scheduled

- Seventh-grader Maddie Getz underwent a 10-hour TPAIT procedure today, Dec. 4, in Pittsburgh to address issues with chronic pancreatitis. She is pictured above with her surgeon, Dr. Ganoza.
- Students and staff were encouraged to participate in a free dress down day (wear purple) in honor of Maddie.

December Blanket Drive Underway

By Ben Corbin

The seventh-period high school speech class/Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy students are currently collecting pillows and blankets as a service project.

This drive is for the Union Rescue Mission to help stock their cold weather shelter. The cold weather shelter takes people from the streets and invites them indoors to stay warm for the night.

To help promote the drive, the class also organized a dress-down day on Nov. 30 with the theme of "Pajama Day." Students and staff could dress down when they brought in \$2 or contributed a pillow or blanket to the drive.

Ryan Hagelin, who is a



Mrs. Jellison's seventh-period speech class is collecting pillows and blankets for the Union Rescue Mission now through Dec. 14.

junior in the speech class said, "I think it's a great way to help our community, and it will help the whole student body become active toward one goal.

"We are approaching the deadline of Dec. 14. We would appreciate any and

all donations to this cause."

One can help and participate by getting new or gently used pillows and blankets and dropping them off in the donation box located in the front lobby. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 14.

Elementary Earns Groovy Reward for AR Goals



Elementary students participated in a 50's party Nov. 14 as a reward for reaching their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals. During the day, the period-dressed students participated in a sock hop and hula hoop games, and enjoyed popcorn and root beer floats in the decorated gymnasium. Tammy Thompson oversees the AR program, and Penny Vaughan helped develop the theme for the day. AR rewards are held at the end of each quarter.

Students are pictured at left participating in some of the day's activities.



Eagle Education

Middle School Students Step onto the Battlefield

By Brooke Riley

Middle school students were able to walk on a Civil War battlefield in Antietam, Maryland, on Oct. 22.

The trip was planned by Myra Jones, sixth-grade teacher and Student Council adviser. She said, "I wanted the kids to be more educated about American history and the Civil War."

Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students were able to spend the day seeing a real-life battlefield and simulating a few war-time activities.

Students participated in "flags that talk," where the students used flags to communicate with each other. It was a Morse Code with flags. Students sent messages back and forth to each other, and then translated them.

Another activity was

"Cannoneers to your Post." In this activity, the middle-schoolers broke down into groups of six.

Each group worked as quickly as possible to load a cannon and "fire" it before the enemy did.

Chaperones Robin Lee, middle and high school history teacher, and Christy Getz, middle and high school math teacher, shared that their favorite part of the trip was beating a group of students by 24 seconds.

After having fun on the battlefield, students and chaperones enjoyed eating their packed lunches at the nearby Mumma Farm.

To end the day, the students went to the Antietam National Cemetery. This was an opportunity for students to reflect on the impact of the battle.

For the last activity of the day, students received a



Middle school students, from left, Brady Ritter, Caden Vaughan, and Bella Jolley, read about a soldier interred at Antietam National Cemetery.

card describing a person who had been buried in the National Cemetery. Students had to find that headstone.

Mrs. Jones later reflected, "This experi-

ence made it more real. Associating a person who lived and then died and then was buried in Antietam was a humbling experience."



Taking a Page out of the History Books

Mrs. Lee's sophomore world history class visited the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh on Nov. 14. They toured exhibits on ancient Egypt, did a Culture Quest exercise, and viewed the dinosaur and mammal exhibits.





Eagles Open Basketball Season with Home Wins

By Ryan Hagelin

The 2018 Calvary Eagles girls' basketball season is underway, with the first home game played Nov. 30 against Morgantown. The Lady Eagles won, 46-34.

This year the team is comprised of 11 students, which according to Head Coach Shawn Ricker, "Is more than we have ever had."

The team is young, with only one senior, Madi Hott, returning for this season.

The team has been training hard for this season.

Coach Ricker said, "Everyone is returning, so we expect to win the con-

ference and the Christmas Tournament. We have Madi Dayton, who won Second All-Conference last year, and Macy Ricker, who won first for All-Conference last year.

"We also have Madi Hott returning this year as a senior, and this will be her fourth year starting varsity. We also have big expectations for Cassandra Cessna, Katlyn Wilson and Kyiah Russell, a new home-school player."

The girls will have 16 home games this year in front of home crowds.

Their next game was scheduled for today, Dec. 4, at New Life.



Eighth-grader Izzie Kendall, right, squares up to shoot in the home opener against Morgantown Christian on Nov. 30. The Lady Eagles won 46-34.



Bowlers Ready to Roll

By Anna Saweikis

CCA's bowling team is ready to roll. The team is formed and ready to play their first match on Friday, Dec. 7, against Mountain Ridge at White Oaks.

The team includes 10 members and two coaches. The bowling team has new members this year, including freshmen Josh Howsare and Tanesha Younger, sophomore Chris Simison, and junior Haley Arthur.

Returning players include sophomore Christian Sponaule; junior Ben Corbin; and seniors Zack

Plauger, Macy Epperly, Anna Saweikis, and Caleb Livengood.

The girls and boys each ended the 2017-18 season as SSMAC (Small School Mountain Athletic Conference) champions. Bowlers reached their personal goals last year, and it is likely they will do it again.

Coach Walt Epperly and Coach Dan Thompson are excited for this year.

Coach Thompson said, "My expectations for this year is for everyone to personally improve in their bowling skills, and to reach the goals that are set for them."

Boys Beat Morgantown

By Ryan Hagelin

The Calvary Eagles boys' basketball team has officially begun its 2018 basketball season.

The Eagles played at home versus Morgantown on Nov. 30 and won, 41-24.

The team's head coach is Paul Corwell. So far the team is made up of 14 players.

According to Coach Corwell, "This is the most students we have had come out in three years."

Calvary's 2018 roster for this year includes only one senior, Bryce Coble, after losing a few players in recent years.

Coach Corwell said, "Last year was a rebuilding year. This year we should be a 500 team. Having only one senior, we still are a young team. We plan to have a better year than we had last year on varsity and on junior varsity."

The JV and varsity boys suited up today, Dec. 4, in away games against New Life.



Eagle Extras



Support Calvary When Shopping Online

"AmazonSmile is simple to use. Just go to CCA's website, and at the bottom you will see it listed. You click on it and sign into your regular Amazon account, and in turn the school gets 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchases," said Development Director Rhonda Poland.

This is a great resource, especially this time of year while many people are using Amazon for Christmas purchases!

Christmas Offering

A special offering will be collected at the elementary play on Dec. 13. This offering will be specifically earmarked for teacher Christmas bonuses. Bonuses haven't been given since 2016.

If you wish to make a donation to the teachers Christmas bonus fund and are unable to attend the play, please contact Development Director Rhonda Poland by email to heritagegiving@calvaryeagles.net or Heather Kaiser in the school office.

"Let's see if we can bless our teachers with an awesome gift this year," Poland said. The goal is to raise \$9,250.



Alumni News

Levi and Katie Ours welcomed their daughter, Lilyana, on Nov. 25. **Levi Ours** is a CCA alumnus (Class of 2009).



Send your Alumni News to heritagegiving@calvaryeagles.net

Daycare Welcomes New Director



Cathy Madero joined the CCA staff last month as the daycare director. She and her husband, Bob, have five children, two of whom are currently attending CCA. She and her family reside in McCoole, Maryland.

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 7—Middle school trip to New Life

Dec. 13—Elementary Christmas Play, 7 p.m.

Dec. 21-Jan. 2—School Closed for Christmas Break

Jan. 3—Classes Resume

Jan. 8—Portable Planetarium

Jan. 21—School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day