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Landon Burns and Darius Mann

Senior Spotlight

by Judah Spears

Throughout the year, we would like to introduce you to the graduating class of 2024. This year's senior class has eight students in it. We will focus on two seniors each marking period. Each of them have different goals and aspirations in life. This year's senior class will graduate on May 25, 2024.

Our first senior for this marking term is Darius Mann. Darius has attended RLCS since kindergarten. He got saved when he was in second grade. His favorite school memory is when he went to Hershey Park in seventh grade. Darius is seventeen years old and does not know what college he wants to attend. He wants to become a coach or a sports event coordinator. His hobbies are basketball, soccer, video games and watching TV. Darius' favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.

The next senior that is being focused on is Landon Burns. Landon has attended RLCS since kindergarten. He got saved when he was five years old. His favorite school memory is when they went to Hershey Park in seventh grade, and they had it to themselves. Landon is seventeen years old and has not decided which college he wants to attend. He would like to become a trainer or a physical therapy assistant. Landon enjoys playing basketball.

In the next issue of *Sabre's Edge*, we will meet two more seniors. Please pray for the class of 2024 as they continue their senior year and seek the Lord's will for their lives.



hroughout the year we will search for some RLCS gradu-

ates and update you on what they are doing. Here is what we found out about these former students.

Gabrielle (Webb) Quindara graduated from RLCS in 2007. Gabrielle attended Clearwater Christian College, and she graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She currently lives and works as a police officer in Chesapeake, VA. She has been married for six years and has two girls. Gabrielle enjoys doing shooting competitions with her department, and she also likes to read and play the piano.

Jody Byler graduated from RLCS in 1995. She is a retired ICU nurse and now works as a recruiter for a healthcare staffing company. She is married to her husband Jeremy, and they have three children.

Dan Lenington is a 2003 graduate of RLCS. He is currently the senior pastor at Grace and Truth Bible Church in Hummelstown, PA. He is married to his wife Karen, and they have four children.

New Faces at RLCS

In the previous issue, we introduced you to some of the new teachers at RLCS. Now we would like to introduce you to the RLCS kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Borror, and the kindergarten aide, Mrs. McLeod.

Mrs. Kim Borror graduated from Fairhaven Baptist College. Her goals for her students this year are teaching them to read and teaching them to love Jesus and that Jesus loves them. Her favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31. She says, "I can be a very impatient person at times, but this verse reminds me to stop and wait on God..." She says that He always gives her the strength, power, and wisdom she needs to do what the Lord wants her to do when she thinks she can't go on. Mrs. Borror was saved in a junior church class in Butler, PA, when she was 7 years old. She has been married for 37 years and has 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Some of her interests include teaching, spending time with her husband and her grandchildren,

by Aubrey Snyder

home decorating, and flower gardening.

Mrs. Amy McLeod graduated from Kingsway Regional High School in Swedesboro, NJ. One of her favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 30:8-9 because it reminds her that we cannot forget that we need to rely on God. He is the one who gives everything, so we must rely on him to meet all of our needs. She was saved at a church that she and her mom were attending when she saw a movie about the rapture. She is married with 4 children and 6



Mrs. Amy McLeod and Mrs. Kimberly Borror

grandchildren. Her goals for her students are to see them develop a love for learning, and most importantly for each student to have a clear understanding and desire to be saved. Mrs. McLeod enjoys camping in Delaware, taking her jet ski out on the water, and enjoying God's beautiful creation.

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A Message We All Needed

n November 9th and 10th, Dan Martin came to Red Lion Christian School to preach in chapel. He gave two valuable and important messages. Dan Martin loves working with young people and has worked with them for around 40 years.

Dan Martin preached in the first chapel about life being a battle. He preached about being careful about what we put in our minds and what we see with our eyes. He preached that



by Trey Baltz

both our mind and eyes affect our hearts.

In the second chapel he preached about Samson and about not living a life full of regrets. He says the way to do that is to honor our parents and to get right with God. Honoring our parents is a commandment that also comes with a promise of living a long life.

Both of these services were very applicable to the audience of high school students. Dan Martin has a very special

Angels Unaware



The students always enjoy hearing Bro. Dan Martin preach and appreciate his practical messages.

form of preaching that was a valuable experience and had an impact on many students.





Roy L. and Ima Payne and Leslie listen as Mr. Stein reminds the travelers again that they will soon need to leave.

This year's Christmas play was entitled *Angels Unaware*. It took place on Thursday and Friday, December 7 and 8, in the school auditorium. The play was written by Cheryl Harrison, produced with special permission by the Eldridge Publishing Company, and directed by Mrs. Schmuck. Kindergarten students, directed by Mrs. Borror, started the production with two beautiful songs and a poem. The high school choir, directed by Mr. Runk, and elementary choir, directed by Mrs. Schneider, sang several songs throughout the play.

by Trey Baltz

A bus packed with travelers breaks down leaving a young couple (Aaron Mercy and Eliesha Little), and an old bickering couple (Gordon Lezama and Mackenzie Henry), along with a minister and his wife (Trey Baltz and Saralynn DeVito), and a retired minister's wife (Eliza

Noll) stranded at a remotely located mission home. The three couples are accompanied by a "professional" singer (Cora Jenkins) who will not stop humming scales, two selfish daughters

(Madison Bailey and Kennedy Enfield) who are set on putting their "forgetful" mother (Josie Chivers) in a rest home, and a very concerned and thankful, single mother (Aspen Kellner) with no insurance or money to feed her baby.

Tired, cold, and down on their luck, all the stranded travelers seek food and shelter until they can be on their way again. But the two angels (Erin Anderson and Aubrey Sny-



Mr. Stein recognizes his selfishness and Pastor Chapel is able to help him see his need of salvation.

der) who are running the shelter were sent on a mission from above, and their objective included not only providing food for the stranded travelers, but more importantly, food for their souls. This proves not to be so easy, especially when the old Scrooge, Mr. Frank N. Stein (Ruben De Los Santos), who holds the lease on the mission building, wants eve-

ryone out when the clock strikes midnight. Even though it is Christmas Eve, he refuses to make an exception for anyone. So two

vagabonds, Bernie (Mason Zrinski) and George (Luke Schock), take matters into their own hands, which allows the two angels to do their job. A police officer (Travis Channell) stops by to make sure the travelers are safe and reveals that the building has been abandoned. At the end of the story, Mr. Stein gets saved and the other travelers make some important decisions about their lives.

The play was a nice combination of comedy and mystery that kept the audience's attention. An invitation was given so that those who attended could experience the real meaning of Christmas.



Bernie and George stop by the mission for help since they are "lost."

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Honor Rolls

by Lilah LaMal

The following students worked hard and got on one of the honor rolls for the **first** marking period. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Elementary **Principal's**

Jace Chappell Sierra Fauth Evan Fidler Emma Godfrev Elijah Hogge Isabella Jay **Eloise Miller** Cadence Myers Gracey Okereh Henry Nye Kinslie Paronish Lucas Strawbridge **Emory Markel**

Judaea Michael Elijah Murphy Derek Bruner Zephyr Mueller Wrangler Senft Avery Rehmeyer Lorelai Stinski Ava Streett Huxley Wilson Alia Alva Kailey Godfrey Sarah Laverde Chigo Okereh

Naomi Paradis **Daniel Waltemyer** Prescott Winter **Benjamin Almonev Clover Anderson Brooke Black** Abby Boyd Christian Bruner Michael Ingoe Micah Hernandez Lilian Smith

A Honor Roll

Lucy Keener Hailey Speelman Lucy Driscoll Giulietta Eck

Grantley Kraft Adalyn Cottrell Victoria Noll Brady Staub

Jase Trimble Jacob Fauth Randy Schrum

B Honor Roll

Colton Jackson Roman Myers Sam Scott Octavia Shaffer **Keagan Smith** Jonah De Los Santos Madalvn Roman Dubbs

Liam Smith Levi Boyd Lillian Miller **Teagan Petry** Gaines Weddle Sonva Little **McDermott** Jeremiah Eldridge Leighton Smith

River Aiken Kaitlynn Aldons **Ouincy Kraft** Lvana Laverde **Benjamin Miller** Anna Schrum Mallory Scott **Everett Winter**

High School Principal's

Brianna Baltz Kelechi Okereh Mia Ryan Haddy Wright Kylianne Cottrell Eliesha Little Erin Anderson Trey Baltz

Lilah LaMal Eliza Noll Aubrey Snyder Mallory Eckenrode Kennedy Enfield Aspen Kellner Gordon Lezama Emma Schrum Madison Bailey

Ruben De Los Santos Saralvnn DeVito Isabella Gohn Brooke Mason Aaron Mercy Savannah Price

Mackenzie Henry Grace Wolfe Landon Burns Timothy Channell Darius Mann

Distinguished

Cody Engles Jax Knerr **Claire Spears** Sam Kottmver Judah Spears Kaia Stevenson

Colton Zrinski

Hailey Pfaff

Isabelle Price

Joshua Wright

Travis Channell Kevin Ervin Brayden Metheny Briana Speelman Spurgeon Waltemyer

Wyatt Spears Gabriel Ritz

Honor Roll

Cora Jenkins Matthew Waltemver Aiyana Wilbert Christian Hernandez Drew Mundis **Rvan Schock**

Student of the Week

by Eliza Noll



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The "student of the week" award is given to students in first through sixth grade who have stood out during the week and tried their best to do what is right. Each week one student is chosen, and that student receives a redeemable coupon for a free pizza lunch.

Students who have received this award since our last issue are listed below. Congratulations to all that won and keep doing what is right for the Lord!

> **6th Grade 5th Grade** 4th Grade 3rd Grade 2nd Grade 1st Grade

Olivia Fahs Abby Boyd Naomi Paradis Giulietta Eck Hailey Speelman Evan Fidler

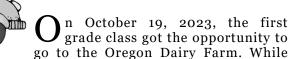
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Field Trip Fun for All

by Eliza Noll



they were there they got to enjoy a corn maze, pick pumpkins to take home, and do many other fun activities. Some of these activities included jumping on a big trampoline and running around in a big tube. Afterwards they got to go on a tour of the dairy cow farm, learn about cows, pet goats, and eat ice cream. After all the fun experiences that they had that day, the first graders said that they enjoyed seeing the cows the most during their trip.

For the second grade field trip, they went to Flinchbaugh's Orchard and Farm Market on Friday, October 27, 2023. For some of these students this was a new experience, and for others they had already been there with family at another time. While at Flinchbaugh's the second graders picked pumpkins



Some second grade boys tried roping "horses" during their visit to Flinchbaugh's Orchard in the fall.

and apples and went on a hayride that went around the farm. They learned about flowers and bees and the different types of corn that there are. At lunch time, the students got to eat lunch under the pavilion. In the afternoon the students got to play on the hay bales, run around the maze, and play in the

The first grade class visited Oregon Dairy Farm and enjoyed seeing the cows and eating ice cream.

corn house, while others roped horses and played with the hula hoops. Out of everything the class enjoyed playing tag, jumping on hay bales, and drinking apple cider slushies the best.

Third grade when to Cherry Crest Adventure Farms for their field trip on October 11, 2023. The kids saw the animals and learned about corn and how pumpkins float. They also learned about all the different tractors and the farm tools that the farmers use in their

jobs. They really enjoyed making butter and playing tag on the hay bales the most during their field trip to Cherry Crest Adventure Farms.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students all got the opportunity to go to Nixon Park for their field trip on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The fourth graders visited the gift shop, learned about birds, and went on a nature hike. They also learned about



The fifth graders learned about PA birds at Nixon Park.

different types of trees and mushrooms. Their favorite part was when they took a hike through the woods and learned about the different types of trees.

The fifth grade students went on a nature hike, participated in a scavenger hunt, visited the gift shop, and had a lesson about the birds in PA. Their favorite part of the day was when they got to see a toad on the nature hike that they went on.

During their time at Nixon Park, the sixth graders hiked in the woods, sat through a bird exhibit with bird watching, and participated in a scavenger hunt that went throughout the nature center. The class enjoyed when River had to empty his pockets of walnuts he was not supposed to pick up, and they also liked it when during the hike the guide showed them a salamander on the trail.

After the field trips, the students came home with smiles on their faces and many happy memories to share with others. While this is the end of the field trips for the fall, there will be many more to come this school year in the spring.



The third graders learned many things

about farming when they went to Cherry

Crest Adventure Farms.



Fun Facts

by Katie Kohler

The following are some random fun facts that you may or may not know.

- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- The national animal of Scotland is a unicorn.
- Red is the first color a baby can see.
- A blue whale's tongue is heavier than an elephant.
- Ears of corn generally have an even number of rows.
- Applesauce was the first food eaten in space.
- It takes about eight minutes for light to travel from the sun to Earth.
- French fries originated in Belgium, not France.

(Facts from: www.weareteachers.com www.signupgenius.com)

Preschool Thanksgiving

by Kaia Stevenson

Before Thanksgiving break started, the preschoolers enjoyed a fun day of giving thanks. The K-4 students started their day with a movie about sharing, just like the pilgrims did. They played games with throwing bean bags and some racing! After they were done playing, they got to put on their Indian or pilgrim hat and enjoy their Thanksgiving feast of hot dogs, chips, fruit, brownies, etc.

During this fun day of celebration, the K-3 students got to share and talk about what they were thankful for. They learned about the first Thanksgiving and how the pilgrims and Indians shared their meal with each other. They ended with



The preschoolers enjoyed eating their own Thanksgiving feast.

having lunch in their classroom which consisted of hot dogs, cheese, veggies, cupcakes, etc. The preschoolers had a lot of fun with their Thanksgiving parties before break started. We, too, can be like them and give thanks to God for all that He does for us.

Supporting Our School

by Matthew Waltemyer



In October, Red Lion Christian School participated in a fundraiser featuring Joe Corbi's products. From this

fundraiser RLCS earned a profit of \$4,764.50. Kindergarten won the contest between classes and earned the prize of a pizza party. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this fundraiser and earned prizes for their sales!

Please remember that you can still

support our school through participating in the Weis 4 School and Box Tops for Education programs as well. The funds raised from the Joe Corbi's fundraiser and these programs, will be used to purchase non-budgeted items for the school. Contact the school office if you would like more information about any of these programs. Thank you to all those who participated and to those who support RLCS through financial contributions. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated!



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by Katie Kohler

PCAC Recap



he soccer team plaved Heritage Christian Academy in the semifinals. They with lost 1-3 De Los Ruben Santos scoring a penalty kick. The played team Lebanon Christian Academy for the third place game.

by Josiah Cottrell

Aaron Mercy played hard in the PCAC tournament.

Despite the team leading 2-0 at halftime, Lebanon was victorious with a 2-4 score. During that final game, Ruben De Los Santos scored with an assist from Josiah Cottrell who also scored with an assist from Darius Mann. Matthew Whipp had 35 saves throughout the tournament, and Ruben De Los Santos was selected to the all-tournament team. Coach K says the results of the game did not reflect the 100% effort put forth by the team.

The volleyball team played a single game in the tournament. They played Bible Baptist and lost in three sets. The team finished in fourth place in the tournament. One highlight from the game was that the team continued to battle after Madison Bailey was injured during the game. The team had good serves and attitudes throughout the game. Additionally, Briana Speelman achieved her first successful jump serve during the game to add to the team highlights.



"Prayer Changes Things" is our theme for the 2023-2024 school year. We want to live like we truly believe this! So, please pray for our students and teachers. Through the prayer efforts of God's people, we can show that we really do believe that prayer changes things! hroughout this year, we would like to share with you some fun facts about our

Fun Faculty Facts

RLCS faculty. Some things you may already know about our staff, but some others may be new to you. Read on to find out about two of our faculty members!

Miss Amanda Shupp

Years Teaching: 14 Classes Teaching: fifth grade Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46:1 Hobbies: sewing and reading Fun Fact: rode a camel when she was in elementary school Favorite snack: homemade Chex mix

Mrs. Joan Schmuck

Years Teaching: 40 Classes Teaching: calculus, advanced math, geometry, Spanish Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 33:3 Hobbies: gardening Fun Fact: took students to Europe four different times Favorite treat: white chocolate peanut butter cups

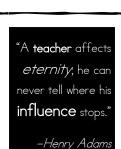
Hymn History: Abide With Me

by Matthew Waltemyer

This year we would like to share with you the stories behind and histories of some of the most well-known and beloved hymns of our time.

The creator of "Abide With Me" is a Scottish person named Henry Francis Lyte who wrote this song on September 4, 1847. Lyte was a pastor at a church in Lower Brix-

han, England, for 23 years. Near the end of his life his doctors told him to move to Italy where the climate would be less severe on his body. During his last sermon in England, he said, "Oh brethren, I stand here before you today, as alive from the dead, if I may hope to impress upon you and get you to prepare for that solemn hour which must come to all. I plead with you to become acquainted with the changeless Christ and His death." He then closed his service with communion and said his farewell. In the evening, Lyte wrote a poem expressing his confidence in Christ and gave it to an adopted daughter that night. During the next day, he departed for Italy. In Nice, France, he had a seizure and perished. Lyte is remembered for saying, "It is better to wear out than to rust out." In his last hours of living, he wrote a message as a hymn called "Abide With Me." (Source: https://hymnstories.org/everyday-hymns)



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Sabre's Edge

JH Boys On a Roll

The junior high boys' basketball team has had a great start to their season. They are currently 9-0 for the season. Coach Taylor said he has plans for the team to go undefeated. He also said that he would love for the team to beat one of their biggest rivals, Heritage. He said the team's biggest challenges are improving their passing ability and the players having coachable attitudes. Coach Taylor wants to improve on leading his players in a spiritual way while also helping the players grow as young men and develop their basketball skills. The current leaders in points and rebounds are Mason Zrinski and Bennett De Los Santos.



Bennett De Los Santos is tough to get around when he sets up for defense.



Varsity Swordsmen Keep Improving

by Judah Spears

The varsity boys' basketball team has a 7-3 record so far in the season. Coach K's goals for the team this season are to play hard, to win the PCAC championship, and to win KCEA states. The team has to keep learning, keep improving, be coachable, have better communication, and maximize player strengths to keep winning.

The team has improved on inside scoring, rebounding, shot selection and passing. The scoring leaders this season are Darius Mann (12.0 ppg) and Ruben De Los Santos (11.4 ppg). Rebound leaders this season are Luke Schock (10.1 rpg) and Ruben De Los Santos (5.5 rpg). The leaders in steals are Darius Mann (4.9 spg) and Ruben De Los Santos (3.0 spg). Leading the team in assists are Ruben De Los Santos (2.9 apg) and Darius Mann (2.8 apg).

Trenton Handy prepares to take free throws in a recent home game.

The team needs to improve on total field goal percentage, free throw percentage and man defense. Coach K has high expectations for the team this year and thinks they should have many more victories as the season continues.

Improvement on the Court

The basketball season has been going well for the varsity girls, and all the players have done great, putting in their best effort. Coach K said that when they play hard, play smart, and play together at practices and games, they are giving a winning effort in God's sight.

The leaders in points this season are Aiyana Wilbert with 10.7 ppg and Mallory Eckenrode with 7.2 ppg. Cora Jenkins and Emma Schrum lead the team in rebounds, with Cora averaging 12.0 rpg and Emma averaging 8.4 rpg. Mallory Eckenrode leads in assists and steals with 1.7 apg and 6.8 spg. Aiyana Wilbert is also a leader in assists and steals with 1.5 apg and 3.8 spg.

One highlight of the season was on December 2, 2023, when the team defeated Salisbury Christian 33-14 at the Harford Tournament. They reby Lilah LaMal

ceived the third place trophy, and Aiyana Wilbert was selected for the all-tournament team after scoring 21 points in

the game. Coach K stated that the

players must continue to develop their basketball skills and improve their field goal and free throw percentages. He aims for them to be better passers,



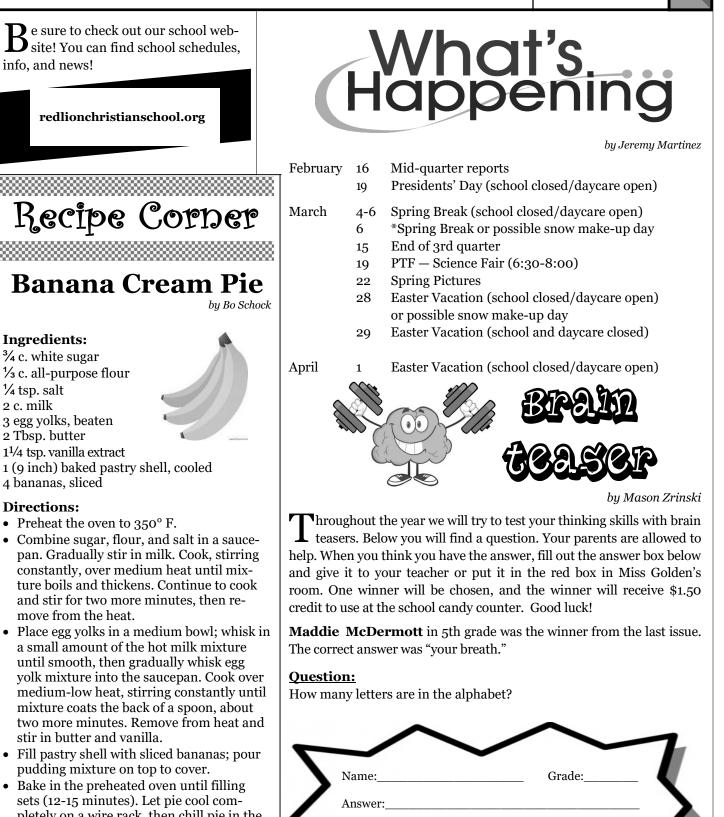
The Lady Swordsmen set up in defense against Adams County Christian.

ball handlers, and rebounders. The girls' varsity team is an excellent demonstration of putting forth your best and doing it for God.

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by Mason Zrinski

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sets (12-15 minutes). Let pie cool completely on a wire rack, then chill pie in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour before serving.

Recipe from www.allrecipes.com