

PANTHER PAWS

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Climax-Scotts Jr./Sr. High School
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Peer to Peer

Interview with Ms. Wright by Chloe Czuk

What is peer to peer? “Peer to peer is a brand-new class that we started at the beginning of this year. It is a statewide program that allows schools to work with particular students and create relationships with their peers.”

When is peer to peer going on? “Peer to peer is going on through 5th hour which is the perfect time so that the students and their peers can interact at middle school lunch. While peer to peer is mainly 6th graders, we have brought in some seventh graders and a few high schoolers. We try to get them acclimated with the new scenery around school. We want our kids to feel comfortable around their classmates and form social and emotional relationships with their peers, and for them to be able to do the things that will help them be successful in their school careers.”



Left: Bryce Followell and Ashlynn Bradley (Photo credit: CS Publications Staff)

Right: Abigail Wood and Kaylee Peck (Photo credit: CS Publications Staff)



Work Based Learning at Tillers International

By Ethan Deplanche

My experience at Tiller's International has been very informative. I always have had an interest in blacksmithing and woodworking and now I am getting to do it firsthand. So far, I have learned how to deal with animals (such as horses), drive a tractor, make tools, blacksmith, set up a pavilion canopy, learn how to weld, and build fences. I've been working at Tiller's as part of my personal curriculum for the entirety of last year and this year. Fortunately, this year, I have had the privilege of being accompanied by Ms. Sarah who has been helpful in keeping me safe and guiding me on projects. I have always been a hands-on tactile learner and that is why C-S has supported my dream of becoming a certified blacksmith and knife maker. Tiller's has even helped me develop my vision by assisting me with coming up with a company name and discussing the logistics of running my own shop.



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Welcome 6th Graders!

By Devun Voneitzen

We asked four, 6th graders their thoughts on joining the Jr./Sr. High School. Here are their responses:

Kensington Hutchins said she felt “nervous at first” but after she got used to it she was excited. She said she likes Climax-Scotts because she finds the people to be very nice, including the teachers and staff.

Jay Bard said coming to the high school was scary at first but now it's starting to be more fun. He said he likes Climax-Scotts because he likes all the people and teachers.

Koko Porlier said she was “kinda excited but also a little nervous”. She likes Climax-Scotts because it's a smaller school, so there are more opportunities for 1 on 1 learning.

Westly Scramlin said he feels good about coming to the high school. He likes Climax-Scotts, because his friends are “very awesome” and he gets to learn with them.



From left to right: Westly Scramlin, Kensington Hutchins, Koko Porlier, and Jay Bard. (Photo Credit: CS publications Staff)

Introducing: The Freshmen

By Emily Wiest

As a new school year unfolds, we welcome a new group of freshmen. As they transition from middle to high school, they will encounter diverse subjects, explore new opportunities, and develop critical thinking skills. We asked some of our current freshmen to share their high school experiences this year. Ethan Wiest says that it can be challenging sometimes, and it has been a big change from middle to high school.

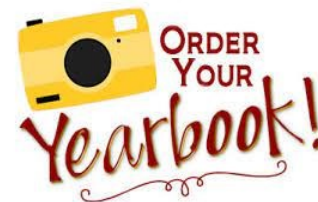
We also asked health and physical education teacher, Mr. Butler, to share his experiences working with a new group of freshmen this year. He shared that although they have their challenges, they are a very interesting group, albeit very talkative. As they navigate through this pivotal transition, we are excited to provide our new freshmen with plenty of opportunities in shaping their educational journey ahead.

Buy a Yearbook

By Malcolm Smith

Yearbooks from the 2023-2024 school year are here and are available for purchase! Talk to Mr. Vick to purchase a book. They cost \$45 each and will be available until stock runs out. You can email Mr. Vick at joshua.vick@csschools.net to get information on last year's yearbook.

You now also have the option to pre order next years yearbook online at: <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>. They are currently for \$40. You also have the option to customize your yearbook for a higher price.



Varsity Football Report



Above: The team lines up against Athens.
(Photo Credit: Lindsey Wyman)

By Chase Vanmiddlesworth

I got a chance to talk with the starting quarterback for the Climax-Scotts varsity football team, Logan Gilbert, about how he feels about the upcoming games and how he feels about the season moving forward. Gilbert believes that after their rough first game they have really started to figure some things out on both sides of the ball, and he believes that they are ready to start dominating the rest of their schedule. The varsity football team next recently won games against Battle Creek St. Phillip by a score of 65-12 and Athens by a score of 65-0. The team is now 5-1 and undefeated in conference play. They have a big game this Friday for Homecoming against a really good Bellevue team.

Sideline Cheer Update

By Makenzie Reincke

On September 24th, I interviewed Coach Caitlyn Tiller in the High school office about Varsity Sideline Cheer. I interviewed her to get the Coaches Perspective on the team as a varsity cheerleader myself. Coach Tiller started coaching the cheer team 3 years ago. When asked why she wanted to be the cheer coach, she said, "The school spirit, atmosphere, and I love high school cheer." She explained that she thought this year's team works hard and has great attitudes. She thinks the girls have really grown in their work ethic, attitude, and willingness to learn. When asked what her aspirations for the team's future, she replied, "Stay involved, have a solid cheer team, have more stunts go up flawlessly, and continue having football and basketball cheer for many years to come!"



Above: The Sideline Cheer team gets the crowd going! (Photo credit: Lindsey Wyman)

Volleyball Team Off to Great Start

By Ashlynn Bradley

When asked about the Varsity volleyball team's progress to start the season, Coach Angela Gilbert explained, "as a new team with few varsity returners we are stronger than ever! We have good team chemistry and good team work both on the bench and floor!" She shared that her expectations for her senior and junior leaders are "to keep improving, making the difficult decisions that some of the girls can't, for example not letting the score mess with their minds."

Senior Captain Lylah Parrish commented "We are doing good so far, that we have good skills to go far, we are aggressive, and communication wise we are doing good." Her own personal expectations are being a good leader, always playing at 110%, and keeping the team chemistry as a leader.



Above: The Climax Scotts Varsity Volleyball proudly shows off their plaque after winning the Panther Invitational. (Photo credit: Kristy Parrish)

Science Room Renovations

By Nathan Arnett and Kaylee Peck

C-S has been remodeling its two science rooms to be split into 3 separate spaces. A new lab space for awesome projects for students, and two other spaces will be used for Mr. Himebaugh and Ms. Paige's teaching rooms. Instead of the labs in the classrooms, the new lab room was created to grant more classroom space. Both classrooms will have access to the lab room. The rooms also have access to the new greenhouse that was worked on during the remodeling. Mr. Simmons, the Maintenance Supervisor stated the remodeling is on track to finish on October 23rd, 2024.

Mr. Himebaugh shared his thoughts on the renovations. He said, "I think out of all the classes that the science lab is definitely one of the hardest to switch out and not have labs." He went on to explain that changing rooms has its challenges with construction as a distraction and the lab is equipped for handling science equipment. He said he prefers his old classroom due to it being more equipped and it has more room. Finally, he said hasn't been to teach in the current classroom due to it being digital based right now.

New Leadership for D&D Club

By Ivy Beattie

For the past four years, Mr. Tymkew has been in charge of the Dungeons and Dragons club. However, this year, the D&D club has been taken over by Ms. Wright. In an interview, she explained that she decided to take over the club in order to create an after-school opportunity that isn't sports-related and a place that is open to everyone. The first club meeting is scheduled for September 30th, and subsequent meetings will be held every Monday after school in Ms. Wright's room, lasting until about 5:30. However, D&D sessions won't start until about 3:45. During the time between 2:25 and 3:45, Ms. Wright's room will be open so club members can do homework and other activities before the sessions start.



Welcome Mrs. Tiller

By Ilona Kovach Fitzsimmons

Mrs. Tiller has been working in our district for about 4 years. She previously worked in the elementary and has now moved to the Junior/Senior High School where she now works in the office with Mrs. Gilbert. I asked Mrs. Tiller how she felt about our school district, and she said she felt our community was warm and welcoming. I also asked how she thought this school year was going to go. She and I both agreed this school year was going to be great! Another conversation we had was about Mrs. Tiller's daughter, Rylee, will be in 6th grade next year. Her response was "I feel excited, nervous, sad, all of these things." When I asked why she simply said, "Because she's growing up and it's sad to see."



Above: Mrs. Tiller poses for a pic during Spirit Week.
(Photo credit: CS Publications)

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Senior Spotlight



Ivan Abad Reyes

Favorite Memory of school at CS? Going to the Shakespeare Field Trip

Current goals for senior year? Finish barbering and graduate with my class

Plans after high school? Co-owning a business with my brother and help my mom with her business.

Good word of advice to underclassmen? Plan ahead and don't be afraid to meet new people

Who do you look up to most? N/A



Alex

Romero Lopez

Favorite Memory of school at CS? Going to the Chicago Shakespeare Trip

Current goals for senior year? Enjoy the most of senior year

Plans after high school? Going to KVCC to study automotive and entrepreneurship

Good word of advice to underclassmen? You get to decide what you want your future to be.

Who do you look up to most? N/A



Gage

Champion

Favorite Memory of school at CS? When we went to the Battle Creek baseball game

Current goals for senior year? I just want to graduate.

Plans after high school? I plan to attend college.

Good word of advice to underclassmen? Think before you act!

Who do you look up to most? N/A



Nicole

Wygant

Favorite Memory of school at CS? When we played Powderpuff my Junior year

Current goals for senior year? Improve my GPA and build strong relationships with others

Plans after high school? I plan to take a cosmetology class to become a nail technician

Good word of advice to underclassmen? Don't be a follower!

Who do you look up to most? Ms. Wright—she has always been a good teacher and a good person