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Spirit Week

By Kerri Bloomberg

Spirit Week does more to create excitement at school in February than probably anything else. Well, getting out of school for snow may bring more glee to students, but Spirit Week has to be a close second.

Amid tests, quizzes, papers, and projects, students look forward to dressing to match the appropriate theme of each day of Spirit Week: Monday--Sports Day, Tuesday--Twin Day, Wednesday--Nerd Day, Thursday--Homeroom Wars, and Friday--School Pride.

Sports Day was a time for students to support

their favorite team. Naturally, this sparked rivalry between UNC , Duke, and NC State fans, but we also had a few Florida Gators and Alabama fans.

Twin Day was a time for friends to dress alike. Some students bought matching outfits, while some only wore the same shirt. We even had a few triplets.

Nerd Day gave everyone the opportunity to make others laugh. The most common outfit included taped glasses and pencils in their hair.

Thursday was "Homeroom Wars." Each

class was responsible for a creative theme. This year, the themes ranged from Nursery Rhymes (K-4) to tie-dye. (12th grade).

Friday, the last day of spirit week, was "School Pride Friday." Everyone was encouraged to wear school colors and shirts to express pride for the Eagles and our Christian school.

Overall, Spirit Week was a fun week that gave students a distraction from the stress of tests and quizzes, and we can't wait to see what happens next year!



Upcoming Events

3/12: Report Card #3

3/12: Science Fair

4/2-4/6: Easter Vacation



"Snow" More School

By Nicholas Vandall

Due to the snow on January 4th, Christmas break was prolonged by four (school) days. New Bern received between seven to ten inches.

The roads were frozen with ice, making driving difficult. Drivers who weren't careful ended up in one of many car accidents due to the icy roads. North Carolina state troopers responded to over 2,000 collisions and more than 35,000 calls for assistance. The backroads were affected most by the ice.

Interestingly, the snow remained on the ground for six days because of freezing temperatures. Students expressed various opinions concerning the snow: "I enjoyed watching the snowfall, but I didn't like how it stayed for so long." said junior Chelsea Rackley. "I thought it was cool, pretty and a disaster." said sophomore David Helmick. During the break, many found a hill or overpass to go sledding.

To everyone's surprise, snowfall returned on January 18th. Unlike before, this snow stayed only a day. Many schools went on a two-hour delay due to the icy conditions. Craven County Schools was one of the schools that closed.

We all hope everyone enjoyed the snow during Christmas break and hope everyone had a safe, yet fun time. Our prayers go out to those who were hurt due to car accidents in the snow.

EDITORIAL

By Chelsea Rackley

February 4th ended the latest season of the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles defeating the New England Patriots 41-33 at the Super Bowl LII. It brought to a close the second NFL season overshadowed by the "taking a knee" controversy.

In the 2016 pre-season, 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick chose to kneel during the national anthem. His purpose was to bring attention to police brutality. Originally, he sat down during the anthem, but decided kneeling would be more respectful and resemble a flag at half-mast. Eleven players from other teams joined the next week. Throughout the 2016 and 2017 seasons, players from nearly every team decided to join in the protests by kneeling or locking arms during the national anthem. What was meant as a peaceful protest became a nationwide controversy. Fans were divided on the protests. Many chose to stop watching the NFL games. The NFL's ratings dropped by 33%, and the protests were the main reason. President Trump had a few choice words about kneeling during the anthem.

In September 2017, he called it disrespectful and wanted the players fired. The following week, over 200 players kneeled or locked arms during the anthem to protest Trump's statement.

However, many were supportive of the protests. Athletes in various sports have chosen to kneel during the national anthem in support of Kaepernick and his views. Nashville singer Meghan Linsey sang the national anthem during Week 3 of the 2017 season when the Seattle Seahawks played the Tennessee Titans. She kneeled after finishing the song. Almost every NFL team joined in the protests.

I can honestly say I am glad to see this football season end. I never approved of the protests and was disappointed in the players participating. When people disrespect the American flag, they are also disrespecting those who serve and have given their lives for the flag. Lots of kids love watching football. After they see people disrespecting the American flag, they might think it is okay.



(top) Colin Kaepernick and two other 49ers players take a knee.
(bottom) Seahawk players link arms during the national anthem.

While we as Americans have a right to free speech, we also need to be careful about how we apply it. Kaepernick should have chosen another way to protest police brutality. The American flag should never be subjected to disrespect. I hope the 2018-2019 season shows more respect for our country and its flag.

Teacher Wins Local Contest

By Kerri Bloomberg

Rankin and Fiume Orthodontics in New Bern sponsors contests throughout the year for clients and community leaders. A recent contest, "Winter Break Teacher's Wish List," encouraged local teachers to submit a wish list for their classroom. Mrs. Martha Anderson, English teacher

at CBCS, entered by wishing for money to purchase copies of *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom for her students. Four local teachers were selected and given \$100 each, one being Mrs. Anderson.

High school students will be reading the

autobiographical book in which Corrie ten Boom recounts her family's struggles in Holland and later during World War II and Nazi occupation. She and her family endured the horrors of war and concentration camps. The title refers to both the physical hiding place where the ten Boom family

hid Jews from the Nazis, and also to the hope found in Psalm 119:114: "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word." Mrs. Anderson said, "I believe all high school students should read this book. It contains many spiritual life lessons."

THE EAGLE'S FLIGHT--SPORTS

Basketball

By Summer Enfinger

After a long and rocky season, CBCS basketball is over, at least until next fall.

JV girls faced hard competitors. For the most part, the opposing teams had older and taller players. Even during this learning and growing season, the girls pulled off two wins. The JV girls have not won a game in two years, so we are proud of them for winning two this season!

JV boys ended the season with 7 wins and 8 losses. They made it to the JV tournament and placed 4th. They will also play in a small tournament on

March 10th. It was a good season for this year's JV guys.

Varsity girls fought hard every game, ending with a record of 7 wins and 9 losses. At the end of the season, they had to play a game against Ahsokie to determine whether our girls would be invited to the tournament. Sadly, the Eagles lost that game and their season abruptly ended. Seniors Lexy Crumpton, Maria Cuthrell, and Autumn Sutton will certainly be missed next year.

Varsity boys had a building year. They played well together, and with

more practice they will be an even better team next year.

Overall, the Eagles had a good season, and will play even better next year!



Cross Country

By Summer Enfinger

The Cross Country team has participated in two events so far this semester.

On January 20th, the Eagles ran the 5K Run/Walk for Life in New Bern. Proceeds from the event went to the Craven Women's Shelter. Freshman Dylan Conaway came in first in his division with a time of 24 minutes and 15 seconds. The team average was 32 minutes and 29 seconds.

The team participated in Cupid's Crawl on February 10th in Greenville. Dylan Conaway came in second in his division with a time of 24 minutes and 52 seconds. The team average was 33 minutes and 25 seconds.

More races are scheduled before the end of school.



5K Run/Walk for Life
1-20-18
New Bern

Participants

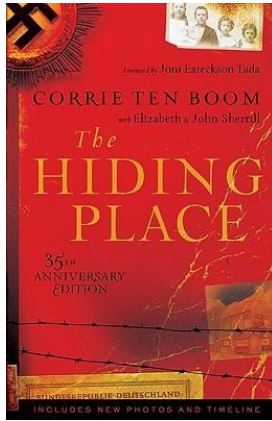
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Brandon Conaway
Ryan Hudson
Dylan Conaway
Brian McRoy



Cupid's Crawl
2-10-18
Greenville

Participants

Mr. Jay Eldred
Brandon Conaway
Dylan Conaway
Brian McRoy



The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill. Published in 1971 by Barbour Books.

Book Review

By Abbigail Hudson

A biographical account of a Dutch watchmaker's experiences in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War 2, *The Hiding Place* reveals the difficulties endured by the ten Boom family. Corrie ten Boom, accompanied by her father Casper and sister Bessie, becomes involved in an underground movement to relocate threatened Jews from heavily patrolled Haarlem, but are eventually arrested and tortured in concentration camps due to their political resistance. Prior to the invasion of the Gestapo, the ten Booms were reputed for their daily Scripture reading and warm Christian fellowship with their fellow neighbors. This habit of daily prayer serves as a source of courage as the consequences of lying and concealing from the Gestapo could lead to death, and the secret room and Scriptures becomes a "hiding place" for the discouraged Corrie as she endures the grisly conditions of her imprisonment.

The abrupt disappearances of fellow shopkeepers signals to Corrie the emergence of troubled times as German troops distribute ration cards and enforce restrictions upon the hapless citizens of Holland. Public persecution, the burning of synagogues, and seizure of property becomes a common occurrence for the Jewish community, which consequently encourages Corrie to aid the weary escapees appearing at the

door of the Beje. Stealing ration cards, preventing the confiscation of their radio, and lying to Nazi officials eventually leads Corrie to question the breaking of her Christian morals for the operations of the underground. It is a story of mass persecution and betrayal. The consequences of the ten Booms' compassionate actions is revealed through the weeks of solitary confinement, disease, and malnutrition experienced by Corrie, who survives the ordeal with her sister Betsie. As they left the compound, Corrie recounts her first impression of a world beyond her prison cell: "Sky! For the first time in two weeks blue sky! How high the clouds were, how inexpressibly white and clean. I remembered suddenly how much sky had meant to Mama." Their weakened father had perished weeks before their arrival at the federal penitentiary, leaving the sisters to continue their sentence in the notorious concentration camp of Ravensbruck.

The years spent repairing damaged watches at the Beje proved useful to Corrie as she constructed communication devices for German war planes at Ravensbruck, while sustaining her witnessing service within the unpatrolled barracks of the camp. The epidemic of typhoid and tuberculosis within the unsanitary walls proved detrimental to her sister's health, however, which soon failed several months after their

transferral. Betsie's desire to establish a recuperation facility for war victims and the Nazi guards encourages Corrie to survive until the Allied liberation, but a clerical error at the hospital permits her release from the camp a week before her barrack was to be sent to the gas chambers. Relieved to be able to fulfill her sister's vision and return to her surviving siblings in Holland, Corrie constructs a rehabilitation center in hopes of remedying the atrocities from the war.

The willingness of the ten Boom family to assist the fleeing and provide a hiding place for the suffering is demonstrated to the reader through their valiant efforts to protect the Jewish refugees. The frequent risk-taking and near exposure of their activities proved worthwhile as hundreds escaped the grasp of the cruel Gestapo, and their ability to forgive and pray for their tormentors at the concentration camps demonstrates the undulating influence of the Scriptures. Corrie's efforts in countering the presence of evil with Christian deeds serves as a symbol of salt and light, and her miraculous survival displays that Christ's light may indeed shine amid the darkness.

Senior Fundraiser



(top) The table with Mr. Tucker and the seniors' jars in the Pie in the Face fundraiser sits in the lobby. (bottom) Brandon Conway puts a pie in Lexy Crumpton's face.

Thanks to everyone who helped the seniors raise money to the senior trip! They raised \$477.82 from this fundraiser.

Senior Night

By Summer Enfinger

Near the end of every basketball season, one home game is dedicated to the seniors. This year, Senior Night was on February 9th at the West New Bern Recreation Center.

Throughout the week leading up to Senior Night, students were encouraged to purchase Spirit Rings for ten cents each. The homerooms competed for purchasing the most rings and raising the most money. In the elementary, the second grade won; in the high school, seventh and eighth grade had the most rings. The classes will have a day at the

park. The Spirit Rings were used to decorate the gym on Friday night. A poster for each of the five seniors was attached to the wall with a marker so family and friends could write on the poster.

The juniors on the team got together with the other players to collect money toward the purchase of gifts for the seniors. The juniors were tasked with making and decorating posters that were hung on the wall for people to sign. Even though no senior boys were on the team this year, they were honored on this night as well.

Before the Varsity girls' game, Mr. Robert Tucker announced the 5 seniors: Lexy Crumpton, Maria Cuthrell, Tanner Helmick, Autumn Sutton, and Ty Villwock, as they walked out with their families. After an introduction to the crowd, the juniors gave

them flowers and a gift bag.

Overall, the night went well. It was emotional for the seniors and their families, knowing that soon all of the games, practices, and high school itself will come to an end.



The Flu

By Nicholas Vandall

Our school has been hit hard with the flu epidemic of 2018. Since Christmas, we have had students and staff missing days of school, some a week or more.

Nationwide, the flu has spread rapidly. Recent reports suggest that it has caused thousands of deaths in the United States this year. Especially vulnerable are children and the elderly.

In North Carolina, 95 people have died so far from the flu and related illnesses. ("Flu claims 20 more in NC in past week, as total state's death toll climbs to 95" John Murawski, *The News & Observer*, Feb. 2, 2018) Students and staff at CBCS are urged to stay at home if they exhibit any flu symptoms. In some cases, it is hard to distinguish the flu from other illnesses.

Some of our students diagnosed with the flu have had high fevers and some have not.

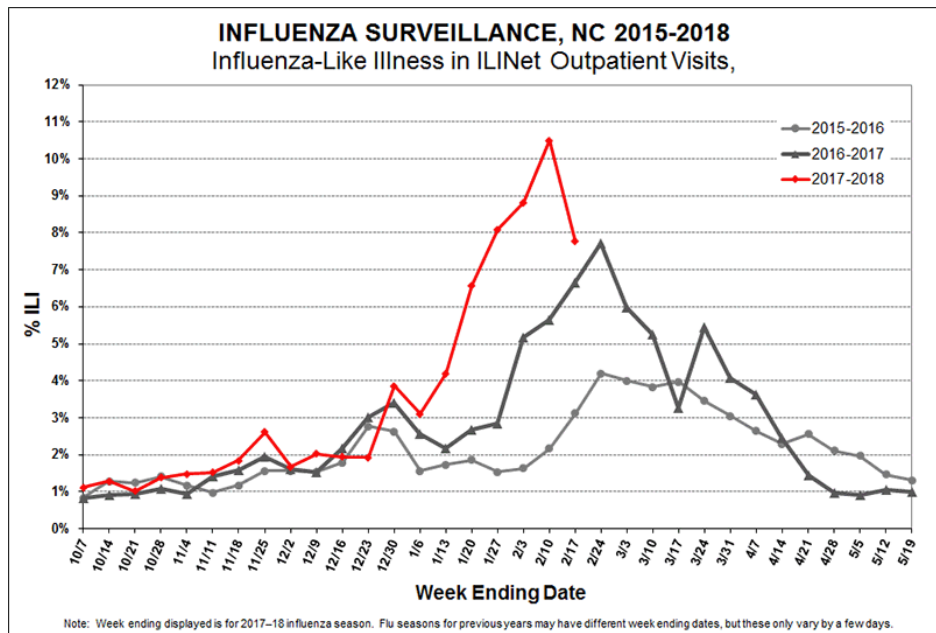
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the

following to protect yourself and others:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth

because germs spread this way.

3. Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.



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4. TOH OCTHEACOL
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6. SEWREATS
7. OSOTB
8. KESTNALB
9. IRFNOEB
10. OEGGGN
11. AREBTHNEI
12. GBNEREDGRIA
13. EICLCI
14. AELNNLF
15. TSNTMIE



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Thanks to everyone who participated!

