



UPCOMING EVENTS

by Jaguar Jacob

December 5- 6:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting

December 6 - 1:15 p.m.

dismissal

(no after school care)

December 10 -6:0p.m.

PTF@ Vine Coffeehouse

December 13- 5:00-7:00pm

Cookie Walk

(More information will be sent after Thanksgiving)

December 19- 7pm

Music Concert

PreK-Jr. High

December 20 - 1:15 p.m.

dismissal

(no after school care)

December 23-January 2

Christmas Break

Classes resume January 3

ARCHERY

by Stephen Heckart

Archery started two weeks ago. The first archery meet will be at Eddyville Blakesburg on 12/7/19. The second meet is at Ottumwa Evans Middle School on 12/14/19. Archery is for grades 3rd to 12th. Due to rules that NASP (Nation Archery in the Schools Program) have made, the 3rd graders are not allowed to participate in tournaments. The practices take place Tuesdays and Fridays every week after school. The tournaments are always held on a Saturday, but not every week. To qualify for state an archer in middle school needs a cumulative score of 500 with their top two scores. To qualify for state an archer in high school needs a cumulative score of 520 with their top two scores.

CHAPEL NEWS

by Isaac Bennett

In Chapel, we have been talking about running the race of life. Many things that become roadblocks in our race, we just need to give to God. God is the one that will always be there for us in our race, and He won't let us down. Along the way, relationships will be most important in our race, because our close friends become a pacer for us. In running, a pacer is someone who races the person competing in the race, and they basically set the pace for the runner. The main point of what we are learning is just stick with God.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

by Case Glosser

Student Council has a busy December ahead of them.

***Nov. 26th** during 5th hour. (11:30-12:15) The Jr High Student Council went to the Ottumwa Police Department to present them with healthy snacks, water, and gatorade for those who work during the Holiday.

***Dec. 7th**, the High School Student Council will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Fareway between 2PM and 4PM

***Dec. 13th** we will be hosting a Community Cookie walk, it will take place on December 13 between 5:00PM and 7:00PM, You should have received information about this event. (All proceeds will go to the playground fund)

***Dec. 14th** Junior High Student Council will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at South Hyvee between 10 AM and 12PM.

***Dec 23rd** OCS Student Council will be volunteering and serving the community at the Holiday Nights and lights. Please come see us!

Dec. Outreach.

The High School Student Council will be making and taking full stockings to the nursing homes. We will be placing lotions, chapstick, puzzle books, colored pencils and other items in the stockings to take with us. The Jr High Student Council will be putting together shoeboxes to deliver to Blessings to be handed out to those in need. These boxes will include, gloves, hats, travel sized of the following: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, soaps, lotions, and shampoos. We will also include tissues, baby wipes, chapstick, a hand towel, and baggies. If you would like to help with any of the items for the stockings or the shoeboxes, please contact Mrs. Hammann at 641-683-9119

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Mrs. Menninga

On Nov. 5, the High School students went on a college visit to Indian Hills. Ottumwa Christian School is trying to be proactive in finding opportunities to expand on our mission statement to help students discover their God-given potential and purpose, to become who God intended them to be and equip them for a life of service. By partnering with Indian Hills through concurrent enrollment through the Ottumwa public school, our students can take courses that are not offered at our school. Some of those courses can meet the graduation requirements of our school as well as count towards college credit. Also, our students will be able to take advantage of Indian Hills Discovery Academy where credits could be applied toward a degree post high school. This is a unique opportunity as students can discover and be equipped to pursue career technical courses, receive hands on instruction, earn high school and college credit simultaneously at no cost to the student. This experience will most benefit our seniors who don't have a full course load and have time to invest in these courses. Ottumwa Christian School is looking to adjust the high school schedule for the 2020-21 school year in order to accommodate students availability to take advantage of this opportunity.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

by Morgan Miller

Ever had an epiphany, or an "aha!" moment? Mrs. MacQueen loves seeing this in her student's eyes and helping them experience school for the first time. At a young age, her mother would let her play "school" with her siblings and so she decided to become a teacher when she was old enough. While in high school, she took Early Childhood and prepared for her dream job of teaching. Finally, the day came when she graduated from Indian Hills. She could now look for a school or center to teach Pre K. Mrs. MacQueen now teaches Preschool (PreK-3) and has been teaching at Ottumwa Christian School for eight years. When she is not helping her students learn the Fruits of the Spirit and basic Bible stories, she's with her four kids, and animals at home. She has two pets of her own, Cleo the cat and Bella the dog. Her family has more animals that they take care of. Her church family is The Bridge here in Ottumwa, and when she can't be at church to relieve herself of a day's stress, she remembers Philippians 4:13 which states, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." Mrs. MacQueen also likes to go on walks and to just be outside with nature.

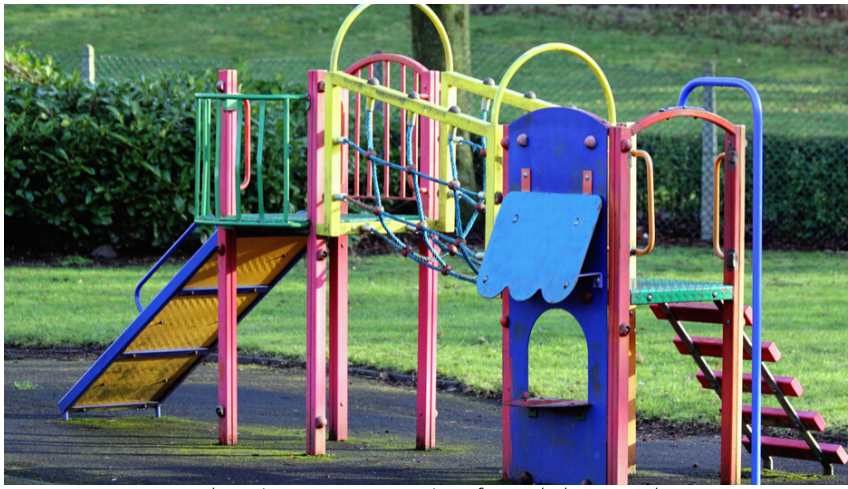


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PLAYGROUND NEWS

by Leah Cavaaugh

The playground funds are expanding as money continues to be designated for purchasing the equipment. Half of the money that is made during the basket auction will go toward that fund. Student Council has also made almost a hundred dollars by continuing hat day on Fridays (students pay a dollar to wear a hat). It will be exciting to see how God will help the funds increase throughout the year.

Basket Auction Update:

Over \$7,200 was raised during the basket auction, half of those proceeds will go towards the playground. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in the auction and for the committee who helped put it together!

PTF NEWS

by Shyla Adcock

The biggest thing discussed at the last PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) meeting, was the Basket Auction, including the Fall Festival. The Fall Festival was a huge success and made over \$500. Student Council raised \$140 for the playground from the chili that night! Thank you to everyone that came and enjoyed our Fall Festival. PTF would also like to thank Barnyard Billy for coming and making balloon animals. The next PTF meeting is December 10, 2019, at 6 pm at the Vine Coffeehouse.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

by Mercedes MacQueen

The time of cheer and merriness is near! Our elementary students are getting prepared for their Christmas concert. It will take place on December 19th, 2019, at 7:00 pm, in the OCS gym. The concert will feature PreK students through 6th grade. A few of our Jr. High students will be participating as well. The student's teacher will determine what time the students should be there as well as where to meet.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

by Caleb Bennett

Church News

Northgate Church is updating their facilities. They will be expanding their auditorium. You can clearly see the construction from Highway 63. More updates will come in one of the following months.

Community News

Art Gallery: Some of IHCC art faculty will exhibit paintings, pottery, photography and prints. Artist's Reception: Monday, November 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Free Admission. Indian Hills Art Gallery Hours: 7:15 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4:30-9 p.m.
Sunday, <https://www.ottumwachamber.org/>

Gothic House Holiday Gingerbread Decorations: On December 7, 2019 The American Gothic House will be hosting their annual gingerbread house decorating event. It will take place 1:00PM-4:00PM. The event is free to all.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

by Makenzie Miller



Students of the month for December have been chosen. They are as follows:

Pre K3: Ruby Floden, Pre K4: Paizlee Rhoads, Kindergarten: Henry Adamson, 1st grade: Charlie Kahl, 2nd grade: Arabella Lanman, 3rd grade: Lydia Hornback, 4th grade: Gretta Fuller, 5th grade: Lucas Thomason, 6th grade: Ilana Vasconez, Jr. High: Matthew Proctor, High School: Stephen Heckart