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Hasney Winner of Archdiocesan Essay Contest



Benjamin Hasney (4G) was selected as the winner of the Essay Contest for grades third through fifth for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He received his award at Mass just before Christmas when it was presented to him by Ms. Kim Heller (at right), president of the Council of Catholic School Co-operative Clubs (CCSCC). At left is Ms. Kim Flair, principal.

Here is his winning essay:

I know we all love Christmas: the presents, the music, the lights and many more exciting things! There is one thing, though, that most people are forgetting about: Jesus! Think about it, without Jesus we would not be making Christmas lists, listening to Christmas music, or even getting Christmas presents. Also, Christmas is recognized as the birthday of Jesus Christ, so we are actually celebrating Jesus' birthday. That is the bigger occasion here. But why don't we celebrate it as much?

Well, kids today think that toys are the best thing in existence, which is crazy! We usually do not pay attention to what Jesus did for us. He was crucified so we could actually live and not be crucified like him. He performed miracles like turning water to wine, calming a storm, multiplying food to share with everyone and even resurrecting his friend.

I can understand that kids find it hard to celebrate Jesus when they have all these presents to play with, but we should still show admiration for Jesus during Christmastime. We should realize that Jesus is the most important person in our lives.

CS Campus To Welcome Mrs. Collins, New Teacher

CBS Canal Street faculty will welcome Laura Collins as the new academic assistant in 2G, bringing with her over 19 years of experience in elementary education. She will work closely with Mrs. Ashley Gervais to provide instructional support, assist with small-group learning, and help ensure that each student's needs are met in a nurturing and structured environment. A CBS mom, she has a son, Hudson, in sixth grade on the City Park campus. She replaces Shannon Austin, who has become a middle school English teacher on the Canal Street campus. Ford Dieth, who had been teaching middle school English on the CS Campus, has accepted a position to do the same on the City Park campus.

Scholastic Book Fair Offers Readings Opportunities



The Scholastic Book Fair is an exciting time for students as they can find plenty of age-appropriate reading material. Here Ms. Lori Reuter's first grade class gathers at the book fair in the auditorium. At left is Ms. Patricia Laiche, academic assistant, and Ms. Reuter is at right.



Jack McAuliffe (1R) found a book and a quiet spot to read it.

Falcon Band, Choir Entertain at Christmas Concert



Mr. Michael Orkus leads the Falcon Band in its 14th Annual Christmas Concert. The band is made up of middle schoolers from both the Canal Street and the City Park campuses, joined in front right by Brother John Mai, FSC, who adds the mellow tones of his flute to the music.



Roman Watzke (4S), William Schultz (6G) and Thompson Thriffiley (5Z) help carry the reeds at the Christmas Concert. Standing in background is Henry Davis (7K).



Helping lead the brass section were Jacob Mumford (4S), Griffin Persand (5S) and Knox Spring (6F). Standing in back is Roman Wax (6F). The band will be marching in the Krewe of Carrollton Parade on February 8 along with the dance and cheer teams.



Mrs. Catherine Duensing conducts the Falcon Choir, offering their voices to the annual Christmas Concert.

Canal Street Students Enjoy 'Breakfast with Santa'

Santa made an appearance at the Canal Street campus before the holidays. Visiting were Eleanor Joachim (2C), Mr. Ford Dieth (as Santa), and Thomas Neilsen (2C).





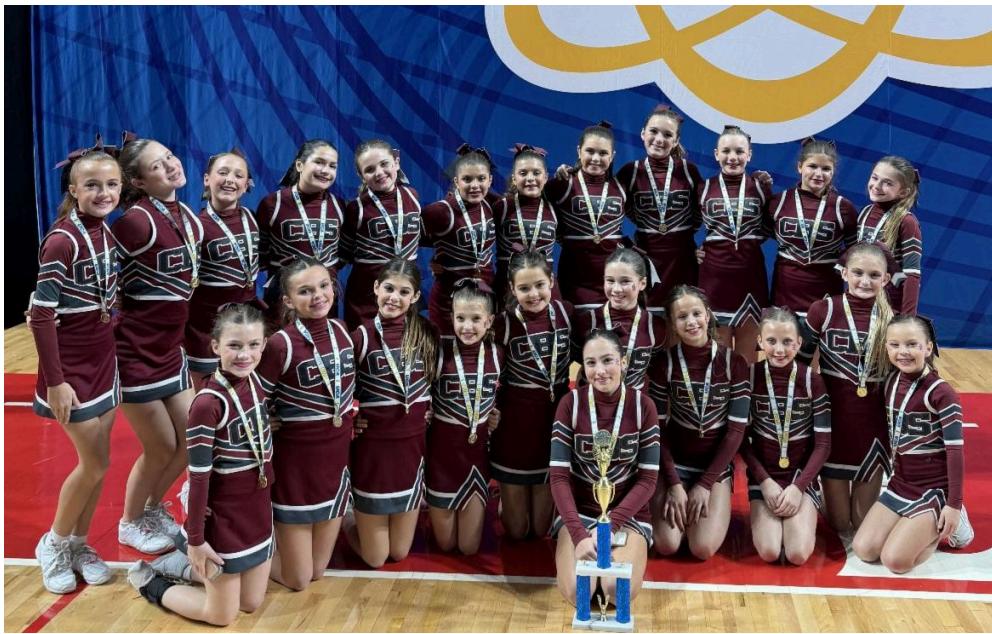
Mrs. Beth Lally (PKA), her grandchildren Amelia and Liam Labat, and her daughter Angela Labat (mom to Amelia and Liam), work on crafts at the 'Breakfast with Santa' event.



Camille Greff (4S) and Margaret McAuliffe (4S) enjoy treats at the 'Breakfast with Santa' on the Canal Street campus.

Falcon Cheer Team Places 4th at Louisiana Regional meet

The Falcon Cheer Team placed fourth at the UCA - Louisiana Regional Competition in Lafayette, earning a bid to the DII National School Spirit Championships in Orlando, FL. The team is coached by Mrs. Carrie Doré, account clerk on the Canal Street campus.



The Falcon Cheer Team: front row, from left: May Favalora (5W), Olivia Ryan (7R), Amelie Braud (6R), Emily Waller (5G), Ireland Burke (5W), Sloan Ricca (7K), Penn Tschirn (6M), Scarlett Simon (6R), M.E. Booher (5G), Elle Wiggins (6M), Elle Cochran (5W); back row, from left: Skylar Sanchez (7K), Sophia Lurette (7R), Emmy Smith (7R), Allie Marino (6M), Addy Aponte (5G), Chloe Dore (7R), Clarice Dore (7R), Chandler Illg (6R), Reese Caldwell (7K), Cecile Gros (6R), Caroline Silva (7K) and Emilia Golemi (6M)

Fishing Club Tested Their Luck, Skills in Park Lagoons



The City Park campus Fishing Club got a chance to wet some lures recently. Among those hoping to land fish were Brody Pippenger (5M) and Jack Vaccaro (5R). Over 35 students plus parents and grandparents participated. Moderator of the club is Mrs. Susan Lavie.

Falcon Teams Have Success on Courts and Gridiron

The 5th grade Falcon Basketball team took home the trophy in a tournament hosted by St. Michael's High School in Baton Rouge. The Falcons defeated Our Lady of Mercy 37-21 in the championship game. Other schools participating were St. Jude, St. Alphonsus, St. George, St. Aloysius, Parkview, St. Jean Vianney and Most Blessed Sacrament.

Front row from left: Henry Branigan (5M), Landon Juhas (5M), Graham Stropolo (5R), Elliott Barganier (5M), Harrison Dessauer (5S), Emile Braud (5S); second row: James Clark (5R), Ethan Tarantino (5R), Joseph Alcina (5R), Beau Ramelli (5M), Anthony Muscarello (5Z) and Beau Trapani (5R). Standing in back are coaches Kevin Dessauer and Dave Theard.



The CBS Middle School girls team won their first game of the season against Ursuline Academy. Coach Kyle Olasin and Coach Drew Coleman are volunteer coaches, and this is their third year coaching the girls' basketball team. Caroline Crisler (6th), Jillian LaFrance (6th), Coach Kyle Olasin, Brooke Babin (6th), Lily Hubbell (7th), Neely Schmidt (7th), Abby Schaefer (6th), Eleanor Clark (7th), Coach Drew Coleman, Grace Greff (7th), Mary Ellis (7th), Julia Mitternight (5th). Not pictured, Sloan Ricca (7th).

Falcons Bring Home Trophies from Battle on Rocky Top

The three CBS Falcon football teams went to Knoxville, TN to compete in the Battle in Rocky Top national football tournament and returned with two championship trophies and a runner-up trophy. The Battle in Rocky Top over the Thanksgiving holidays featured more than 300 middle school football teams seeded in 33 divisions with about a dozen teams in each division.

The 5th grade team, competing in the 10U (age 10 and under) Bronze Division, defeated the Etown Youth Panthers 5th (Elizabethtown, KY) 20-0 to start their run, followed by a 28-0 win over the Tribe (Dunlap, TN) and then a 16-12 win over MPOCS (Chattanooga, TN) to win the 10U Bronze Championship.

In the 11U Bronze Division, the 6th grade team had three wins to start their journey at Rocky Top, defeating the Team Steeleman (Lorain, OH) 13-7, the Monroe Hornets (Monroe, OH) 24-0 and the Etown Youth Panthers 6th (Elizabethtown, KY) 22-6 before falling in the championship 22-8 against The Falcons (Hendersonville, NC), earning the runner-up spot in their division.

The 7th grade Falcons enjoyed a 12-0 win over TN Chosen (Christiana, TN) and a 38-0 win over the Ironmen Elite 12U (Elizabethtown, KY), then went on to defeat the Ellingham Generals (Rincon, GA) 20-14 for the championship.



The CBS 5th Grade Falcon Football Team



The 7th Grade Falcon Football Team

-- **ALUMNI NEWS** --

CBS Alumna Performs with Delta Festival Ballet



Logan Kadden, a 2023 CBS graduate and the 15-year-old daughter of Jenny and Ben Kadden, performed with the Delta Festival Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* in December at the Mahalia Jackson Theater. Logan is a sophomore honors student at Mount Carmel Academy and is heavily involved in a number of organizations including Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta, National Latin Honors Society, and many others. Logan has had the privilege of studying at Giaccobe Academy of Dance since she was six years old and has participated in Delta Festival Ballet's *The Nutcracker* for seven years. Logan has also had the opportunity to participate in two summer intensive programs with Joffrey Ballet School, including three weeks this past summer at Joffrey's New York City studio. Logan's most precious memories with The Nutcracker has been her time as a bon bon and being a flower girl in the party scene. Logan was humbled and excited to bring her passion and energy to the lead role of Clara this year.

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