“Never give up...”

WWII Hero Louis Zamperini speaks at Christ School
“Although there are times in all of our lives where life can be unfair, I encourage all of us to be grateful for even the little things in life. We are all blessed here at Christ School, and we should take advantage of what we have.” —from the senior speech by Jeff Krieger
The Timeless Lessons

Confronting the hard questions and moving forever onward

Last year, when I sat down to read Laura Hillenbrand’s book, Unbroken, I had no idea where this recounting of a skinny 12 year-old from Torrance, California in the early 20th century would take me. A quick and easy read it wasn’t. As I poured through the book, utterly amazed at how one man could take all that life would throw at him, I began to wonder how a man of today would react given the same set of obstacles.

Louie’s journey through the Great Depression, the 1936 Olympics, WWII, and Japanese prison camps, all conspired to give me a greater appreciation for him and of his generation. Courageous and humble, their creed became very clear: for God, for country and for each other. As inspirational as Louie’s story was, I began to feel some amount of regret and almost loss. Could America today survive the same cataclysmic catastrophes of his time? How, after ten years of a Great Depression, followed by four years of a world war, could a group of men and women rise up with confidence and fortitude to build an unparalleled post-war prominence?

I am almost afraid to confront those questions. Although I am a fervent supporter and believer in today’s youth, I am not as optimistic about today’s cultural norms and moral values. I often wonder when I look into the eyes of my students and silently ask, “What are this boy’s chances when faced with absolute adversity, that he will come through them bigger, better, and stronger?” Places like Christ School continue to challenge and teach young men to be tough, tolerant, responsible, and determined in the face of unrelenting challenges. Our mission is often counter-cultural and has never been more relevant.

Today’s tendency to enable young people to see themselves as powerless “victims” who are too often encouraged to engage in finger pointing has created a general malaise of “softness” that has permeated all levels of our society. We have become timid and shy of all things difficult. If the outcome is not ensured, too many of us never pursue the challenge. I wonder: if we had to build the Panama Canal and the Hoover Dam today or even put a man back on the moon again, could we do it?

Louie’s visit to campus and his time spent with our boys provides firsthand inspiration that there is still hope, even if that hope is found in a young man’s soul over 80 years ago. Some of the many hallmarks of Louie and his generation are faith, humility, fortitude, kindness, and the ability to take one’s lumps and move uncomplainingly forward. May we keep these timeless lessons close to our hearts and souls as we move forever onward.

Paul M. Krieger
Headmaster
Learning Lessons from WWII Veteran and Olympic Athlete

Louis Zamperini

By Olga Petrovich Mahoney

It is not every day that teenage students get to meet a hero. Louis Zamperini, whose story is told in Laura Hillenbrand’s bestseller Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption, spoke to a mesmerized audience at Christ School last week. 94 year-old Zamperini arrived on campus wearing his Olympic jacket, USC baseball cap and running shoes. He was ready to share lessons from his extraordinary experiences with an audience of almost 1,000 at the Greenie Dome.

The book was required summer reading for the high school students at Christ School. After all, the book exemplifies each of the four pillars of the core mission of the school: intellectual and spiritual growth, athletics and manual labor.

As a youngster, Zamperini was a trouble maker who got into fights, was involved in petty theft and was heading down the wrong path. Fortunately, his brother, Pete, encouraged him to try competitive distance running in high school. Zamperini excelled and set a national record for the mile. In college he ran at the University of Southern California and at 19, made the Olympic team to compete in Berlin in 1936, where he shook Hitler’s hand after a race.

The rest of Zamperini’s story is even more amazing. With the outbreak of World War II, he signed up for the U.S. Army and became a bombardier assigned to the Pacific. During a rescue mission in 1943, their decrepit B-24 fell into the ocean. Only three survived: floating on two small rafts, drinking rain water and catching small sharks by hand. They drifted for 2,000 miles over 47 days, and only two of them survived the ordeal at sea, each losing half of their body weight. Zamperini and the pilot, Russell Phillips, were captured by the Japanese and taken to “Execution Island” – where an even bigger nightmare began.

The students, faculty and guests sat in astonishment as Mr. Zamperini recounted snippets of his experiences. An 11th grade student, Chambers Loomis, read a letter to the Christ School community from Rev. Billy Graham, whom Zamperini credits with saving him from self-destruction after the war. After his talk, “It’s been a great life, I wish I could do it all over again.”
“We were the hardiest generation, not the greatest generation.”

– Louis Zamperini

John Naber, fellow Olympian and friend of almost 30 years, traveled with Louis Zamperini to Christ School. His comfortable onstage question-and-answer format was the basis for Mr. Zamperini’s talk to the packed Mebane Field House.

John arranged for Louis to meet privately with Billy Graham in June 2011, and in October 2011 he arranged for the first and only face-to-face meeting with Laura Hillenbrand, author of the New York Times bestseller “Unbroken.”

Winner of four Olympic Gold swimming medals in 1976, John passed the Olympic flame to Mr. Zamperini’s torch in 1984 and again in 2004.

students asked him questions about survival, forgiveness and faith. One student, Honor Council Chair and senior leader, Andy McMillan, inquired about Zamperini’s motivation to keep going when there were so many instances where he should have given up. Zamperini responded that it was his positive attitude and strong faith that kept him alive during the war. McMillan later asked Zamperini what Rev. Billy Graham said at the Crusade that convinced him to convert. Zamperini answered that he said, “When there is nobody, nowhere, and nothing else to turn to, you can turn to God. He will always be there for you and will always help when in need.”

Louis Zamperini ended his fascinating visit to Christ School by stressing the importance of a positive attitude in everything you do and giving yourself to Christ. Above all, he said, “Never give up.”

“We think every day about how to improve the school experience for our students. Having Mr. Zamperini here was exceptional.”

– Headmaster Paul M. Krieger

In this photo Olga Mahoney shows Mr. Zamperini and John Naber the framed display about him that she keeps in her classroom. It was Ms. Mahoney who first presented the idea for having Mr. Zamperini speak at Christ School to Mr. Krieger.
On November 8th, the Christ School community had the distinct privilege of hearing the personal witness of Charlene Schiff, a Holocaust survivor, during one of our chapel services. From the sanctuary of St. Joseph’s Chapel, Mrs. Schiff spoke about the lessons of her extraordinary experiences as a child of the Holocaust, having lost her home and family while evading capture alone in the forests of Poland.

Born December 16, 1929 in Horochow, Poland, Mrs. Schiff was the younger of two daughters in a Jewish family. Her father was a philosophy professor who taught at the university in Lvov, and both of her parents were civic leaders in Horochow. In September of 1939, Germany invaded Poland, and hordes of refugees began fleeing the Germans. In 1941 a ghetto was formed in Horochow, and in 1942, with rumors that the ghetto was about to be destroyed, Mrs. Schiff and her mother fled.

They had just taken cover in the underbrush at the river’s edge when they heard shots. They hid, submerged in the water all night, as machine guns blazed nearby. By morning, other Jews were also hiding in the brush. They heard one of the guards scream, “I see you there Jews; come out!” Most obeyed, but Mrs. Schiff and her mother remained hidden in the water for several more days while the gunfire continued. They were exhausted, began dozing off, and Mrs. Schiff woke to find that her mother had vanished. She never saw her mother again and to this day does not know what happened to her. Mrs. Schiff spent the rest of the war living alone as a young girl in the forests near Horochow. She is the lone survivor of both her family and the 5,000 Jews who had lived in Horochow.

Mrs. Schiff’s wisdom and eloquence in speaking about the Four Evil ‘I’s of Ignorance, Intolerance, Indifference, and Injustice provided a moment of grace and transformation for our community, and they have become an important framework for our ongoing discussions about the challenges and responsibilities of seeking truth within a faith-based community. This remarkable woman has deeply inspired many of us by her example of perseverance through the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Finally, I think it’s a wonderful coincidence that her initials are C.S.
One of the most attractive elements of working in independent schools in general, and Christ School in particular, is autonomy. While we teachers hold ourselves to strict standards of excellence, and remain ever mindful of the material we must cover with our students, we treasure the ability to exercise great creativity when it comes to teaching strategies and course pacing. At any moment, we can gauge the general effectiveness of a lesson, measure the mood of our students, consider what is happening in the world outside of the classroom, and adjust our course on the fly.

This ability to adjust played a key role this year when what started out as a normal Spanish class transformed into one of the most fulfilling discussions I have had as a teacher. After Mrs. Schiff’s talk in Chapel, I arrived to my classroom to find my Honors 3 Spanish students already seated, sharing their impressions of her ordeal. Sensing that any attempt to have the boys change gears to explore irregular verb conjugations would be both futile and a disservice, I quietly picked up a marker and began capturing their thoughts on our white board. The boys (Eddie Dalrymple, Matt Seely, Thomas Pritchard, Fabrice Dallies, Bailey Will, and Reid Scothorn) lead their own debate, exploring the interplay of the Four Evil I’s (Ignorance, Intolerance, Indifference, and Injustice). As a group, they came to one possible understanding of the 4 I’s, their interconnected nature, and how we might work against them.

In short, the boys came to agree that Ignorance serves as a foundation for the other three components. When Ignorance, through lack of information, supports Indifference and Intolerance, Injustice is the unavoidable result. We see this Injustice manifest itself in all types of oppression, including genocide, hate crimes, and bullying, just to name a few. Feeling that they understood the interplay of the Four Evil I’s, the students’ discussion moved to ways in which they might work against Ignorance by seeking knowledge, Indifference by taking proactive measures to affect change, and Intolerance by respectfully challenging long-held beliefs and assumptions. As for Injustice… the boys came to an agreement that if Ignorance, Indifference, and Intolerance were sufficiently weakened, Injustice would be left without a leg upon which to stand.

As the boys left my classroom to head to the dining hall, I took a moment to consider the white board. The untidy organization of ideas, sound bites, and sketches served as the physical representation of our boys’ triumph as thinkers, scholars, and citizens. I am pleased that we were able to capitalize on the opportunity that presented itself that day, and that my classroom – though not for foreign language pursuits – still served its purpose: a place of learning for all.

"…what started out as a normal Spanish class transformed into one of the most fulfilling discussions I have had as a teacher." —Andrew Gyves
Jean Kilbourne

“There is even an all-female rock group in Canada which named itself Kilbourne in Jean Kilbourne’s honor” was the way Assistant Headmaster Chirieleison introduced our Speaker Series presenter to the Christ School students. That falls under the “she was so popular that...” category.

Ms. Kilbourne is internationally recognized for her groundbreaking work on the image of women in advertising and her critical studies of alcohol and tobacco advertising. Her films, lectures, and television appearances have been seen throughout the world, and she was named by The New York Times Magazine as one of the three most popular speakers on college campuses.

She is the author of the award-winning book Can’t Buy My Love: How Advertising Changes the Way We Think and Feel and So Sexy So Soon: The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids. The prize-winning films based on her lectures include Killing Us Softly, Spin the Bottle, and Slim Hopes. She is a frequent guest on radio and television programs, including “The Today Show” and “The Oprah Winfrey Show.” She has served as an advisor to the Surgeon General and has testified for the U.S. Congress. She also holds an honorary position as Senior Scholar at the Wellesley Centers for Women.

Her work is considered pioneering and crucial to the dialogue of one of the most underexplored, yet most powerful, realms of American culture —advertising. And she has received many awards, including the Lecturer of the Year award from the National Association for Campus Activities.

“Man Up

Master

Nurture (your)

Unlimited

Potential

Bryant Smith

You would have thought Bryant Smith was a computer game the way he mesmerized the students assembled in Pingree Theater. “Who in here is a man?” he charged. “What makes you a man?” Brave students stood and attempted to answer his questions to the best of their ability. Smith told his own riveting story, and ended it with “Manhood is about choices. I didn’t realize I had choices when I was your age.”

Bryant Smith is the Founder and President of Smith Consulting and Networking a comprehensive training, development, and consulting firm. He is also the author of “Black Not Blind” a social commentary on race relations in the United States. A dynamic and engaging speaker, Mr. Smith is a highly sought after lecturer and facilitator who lives his “Man Up” motto and tackles subject matter that may be “difficult but not impossible” to talk about. He uses humor as well as real life examples to teach young men that they have control of their thoughts and actions; that they can distinguish between right and wrong, real and unreal. He encouraged students to wield the truth and find ways to be supportive to each other. Game on.
Paul and Beth Krieger hosted the elegant Angelus Appreciation Dinner at the Lioncrest at Biltmore. Annually, loyal alumni, parents and friends who support Christ School are invited to enjoy an evening of cocktails and dinner.

Director of External Affairs Denis Stokes welcomed the audience and started the evening with a slide show which captured the essence and spirit of Christ School.

The evening’s highlight was the presentation of the inaugural Angelus Achievement Award by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Nat Hyde ’74 to alumnus and current trustee Steve Young ’82. Steve has supported Christ School in just about every way possible for 23 consecutive years. His giving interests include athletics, academic scholarships, the Headmaster’s Fund, campaign giving and support of the last two auctions.

Nat presented Steve with a sterling silver minted Christ School coin. On the face is the Angelus Tower and on the reverse is the official school seal, hand-painted with green accents.
On the Saturday of Winter Break, seven Christ School students took turns prosecuting and defending Kensley Williams at the Buncombe County Courthouse in the North Carolina High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Carolina Center for Civic Education. The students spent several weeks preparing as both attorneys and witnesses for both sides, then competed against seven other schools by trying the case before judges and lawyers from the region. Christ School’s team was made up of juniors Jesse Richardson-Bull, Robbie Mangone, Sam James, Andrew Anderson, Jim Mouer, Turner Strayhorn, and senior Cooper Henkel. They were coached by Joe Mouer, Lee Anne Mangone, and Kevin Mahoney.

During each trial, the team’s lawyers delivered opening statements, examined and cross-examined witnesses, and made closing arguments to a jury, while the witnesses testified and withstood cross examination. In order to try the case, students had to understand courtroom procedure, the rules of evidence, and the art of persuasion. The Greenies prevailed in the first round against Lake Norman High School, and then fell in the second round to Gaston Christian, which went on to win the regional championship. The students put in long hours preparing their case, and in the process learned about the workings of our justice system.

The evidence is in…they also had some good laughs along the way.

The Case: Kensley Williams, a student at Magnolia University, stood charged with two counts of cyberstalking for allegedly sending threatening messages to Jamie Anderson in the university’s online chat room in October 2010.
Last summer at the Bread Loaf School of English in Middlebury, VT faculty member Trevor Thornton took a class on Literature of Empire which read books primarily set in India and Southeast Asia. This Christmas break he went to Cambodia to get a taste of what the postcolonial world was really like.

A hundred giant stone faces of a single incarnation of the Buddha appeared around us in the light of day. The faces were of a serene reverence, but I couldn’t help but feel intimidated by their impressive size and proliferation. We watched a family of Buddhists circumambulate the inner sanctum of Avalokiteshvara three times before leaving their sacrificial gifts of dragonfruit, bananas, flowers, and coconut juice. This was no tourist show. This early in the morning, it was clear that our presence was tolerated yet unexpected.

Journal Entry...

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“I want us to dream for a moment. Because of the gift from the Mebane Foundation, who knows if a future Nobel Prize winner will begin their science studies in this building.”

–Nat Hyde ’74
Chairman, Christ School Board of Trustees
Christ School’s first new academic facility in more than forty-years opened October 2011. A state-of-the-art facility that gets to the heart of boys and learning, the Mebane Science Center adds 8,500 square feet of academic space – classrooms, labs, a rooftop observatory, an oversized aquarium, and a monster garage for the Physics lab. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Nat Hyde ’74 had this to say at the dedication:

“I want us to dream for a moment. Because of the gift from the Mebane Foundation, who knows if a future Nobel Prize winner will begin their science studies in this building? I think it is important to note that this project started with the students and faculty. Architect Alan McGuinn conducted several design charrettes and was able to include almost all of the ideas from the garage beneath us to the astronomy observation platform on the roof. This is an extraordinary gift and we thank the Mebane Foundation and a host of others who generously supported this project.”

Visit the Christ School website for more images of the new building or, better yet, come and see for yourself by visiting the campus soon.

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Chemistry teacher Jude Clapper observes with great anticipation as Fabian Kunisch ’14, Russel Chen ’15, and Connell Maloney ’14 prepare a sample of rocket fuel.

Physics teacher Steven McCarthy assists Andy McMillan ’12 and Chambers Loomis ’13 in preparing their projectile launcher.
To complete his qualification for the Eagle Scout rank, Zach Mitchell ’12 of Fletcher, designed a memorial honoring the Christ School alumni who died in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The 30 names listed were researched by an earlier Eagle Scout and Christ School alumnus John Moore ’02. Now, under a billowing United States flag, a granite memorial stands on the edge of Yard A to remember these men and women who served in the armed services and died to protect our freedom.


Senior Speech - Jeff Krieger '12

A minor inconvenience

“We often take for granted, the very things in life, that most deserve our gratitude.”

Like most people, I take the little things in life for granted. Instead of appreciating what I have, I spend time complaining about what I don’t have, or how unfair life can be.

Over the past few years, I have learned the difference between what is unfair, and what is just an inconvenience. For instance, I am Mr. Krieger’s son. I use to think that was unfair and like many students who change schools, my first few years at Christ School were a struggle. I was loud, obnoxious, and even had a bit of an attitude. A loud-mouthed Headmaster’s son wasn’t too popular among the student body. Luckily I had many people to help me through my “rough patch.”

One day, this past summer, I was in Dallas, Texas eating lunch with my father while waiting to catch our flight back home. I sat there complaining to him about how poorly I had just played, and how I got so many unfair and unlucky breaks that day on the golf course. I looked to my right, and everything changed. There was a man sitting in a booth with his brother and father. This man who was roughly 25 years old, had no right leg, no left leg, no right arm, and no left arm. He couldn’t get up from his seat without help, he couldn’t walk to the door without help, he couldn’t open the door without help, he couldn’t cut his own steak without help. Every morsel of food had to be hand fed.

As I sat there complaining about a “rough” day at the golf course, this poor man could not function without the help of someone else. Although I never met this man, he has had a great impact on my life. He put everything into perspective; this man had real challenges in life. I vowed that day to stop complaining about what I don’t have, and be grateful for what I do have.

Looking back on my time at Christ School, I realized that I did not handle my tough times very maturely, instead of looking at myself and admitting that my attitude and mindset were the issue, I blamed it on being the Headmaster’s son and complained about how unfair it was to be in that situation. In reality being the Headmaster’s son wasn’t unfair; it was just a minor inconvenience.

Although there are times in all of our lives where life can be unfair, I encourage all of us to be grateful for even the little things in life. We are all blessed here at Christ School, and we should take advantage of what we have.

As John F. Kennedy said “We must find time, to stop and thank the people, who make a difference in our lives.”

THANK YOU.
A Pleasing Palette

Christ School students win Scholastic Art awards in four different media.

Award-winning sculpture, paper embossing, oil painting and ceramics all came out of one little studio at Christ School this Fall. Art instructor Betty Weil felt the School was well represented in the Western North Carolina Regional Scholastic Art Competition. “The students have kept me amazed over the years with the wide range of ideas and media they are eager to try, and with the quality of their finished individual projects.”

The juried exhibition which is on display at the Asheville Art Museum was open to entries from all schools, public and private, in the 20 Western North Carolina school districts. Entered artwork was judged in two divisions, 7th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade. More than 500 entries were submitted this year, and 81 were selected by the judges for display in the downtown museum. After the initial judging, awards of Silver Key and Gold Key were given to selected works. 20-25 Gold Key winners will be entered in the national Scholastics Competition in New York.

The Asheville Art Museum annually partners with the Asheville Area Section of the American Institute of Architects to sponsor this group exhibition which showcases the emerging artistic talent of the region. Christ School is certainly proud of these talented artists!
Award-winning students:

- Stuart Mason ‘12 received a Gold Key for his sculptured guitar entitled “Inspire.” The guitar is a fully functional electric instrument—he not only sculptured the wood but installed the operational parts also. Stuart Mason won an American Visions Medal at the National Scholastics Art Competition, his work will be displayed in NYC.

- Chandler Ding ‘12 received a Gold Key for his oil painting entitled “Magic Garden.” This is Chandler’s second Gold Key in two years.

- Cole Curtis ’14 had two ceramic pieces accepted in the show, a bowl and a pitcher, and received a Silver Key.

- Devon Johnson ’16 received a Silver Key for his paper embossment entitled “Horus II.”

“The art studio is another area of Christ School where diversity is a delight. Since the studio classes are set up on a semester schedule, advanced students define individual directions for their work in order to make the most of their class time.” –Art Instructor Betty Weil

Captions this page, top to bottom:

Ceramic Bowl by Cole Curtis ’14
Devon Johnson’s paper embossment “Horus II”
Devon Johnson ’16 with awards
ake all of the ingredients below and cook it up in a mere eight weeks of rehearsal and you have the amazing confection which was our fall production of the 132 year old Gilbert and Sullivan light opera, The Pirates of Penzance. Working in collaboration with Christ School production director Mary Dillon and technical director Marshall Baltazar was the local professional group, Opera Creations. Teaching artists Karen Svites (Mabel), Timothy Wilds (Major-General Stanley), and Simone Vigilante (Ruth) taught vocal performance skills, modeled the rehearsal process, and performed in the musical alongside the students. Vance Reese, Christ School organist, also of Opera Creations, was the musical director. Outstanding performances by Jesse Richardson-Bull ’13 as Frederic, Sam James ’13 as The Pirate King led a wonderful cast including Kramer Lee ’13 as Samuel, Blaise Dunsmith ’13 as The Police Sergeant (and a pirate). The dashing pirate chorus included Davey Arroyo ’15, Cooper Henkel ’12, Mark Humble ’14, Jones Hussey ’14, Ivan Ivanov ’15, Ellsworth Parham ’13, Zachary Prete ’16, and Banks Simmons ’13. Jones Hussey, Ivan Ivanov, Rex Qui ’12, Ed Smart ’15, Reid Scothorn ’14, and Jonathan Yung ’12 were hysterically funny as the slapstick, cowardly Police Chorus. Joining the cast as Major-General Stanley’s daughters were local girls Jessica Savitt, Julia Sinsky, Emma Lenderman, Madison Carter, Madison Garris, Brooke Paly, and Anna Zimmermann. Technicians Patrick Lanier ’12, David Rand ’13, and Chris Rosbottom ’13 ran a tight ship back stage, and senior Chandler Ding’s painted Van Gogh style backdrop was stunning. Audiences were charmed by the magical show.

**Shopping list for creating an operetta:**

1. Script including musical score
2. Pirate flags and one Union Jack
3. Boys willing to sing and dance in public (9 of whom had never been on stage before)
4. Singing and dancing girls from local schools
5. Professional opera educators/performers
6. Boys with strong technical theater skills
7. Amazing young painter (Chandler Ding ’12)
8. 34 Yards of assorted lace trims
9. 28’ x 14’ backdrop to be painted by said artist
10. Gallons of paint, 4 rolls of duct tape
11. 2 Pirate flags and one Union Jack
12. 40 Different costumes to assemble with hats, gloves, swords, earrings, pistols, shoes, boots, and umbrellas
13. 28 Songs (all of which needed movement or dance choreographed)
14. 3 Sittable plastic rocks
15. Home-made boulders
16. 1 Ruined chapel prop
17. 1 Musical director, 1 technical director, 1 Production director
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**Reid Scothorn ’14**
“This-particularly-rapid-unintelligible-patter-isn’t-generally-heard-and-if-it-is-it-doesn’t-matter!”
The Mousetrap’s Great Run!

On Thursday, February 16, 2012, Agatha Christie’s mystery, The Mousetrap, opened in Pingree Theater. Marshall Baltazar directed, assisted by Felice Stokes. The production manager was Patrick Lanier ’12, the stage manager was Hayden Lalor ’14, and light and sound design were done by Chris Schiebout ’16.

This historical piece of English literature which originally opened in 1952 has now been served justice on Christ School’s stage. London’s longest running play ran for three nights and played to full houses. The young cast, many of whom had never performed before, entranced the public. Eighth-graders Zach Prete and Daniel Avant were on stage for the first time, as were sophomores Leroy Hollifield and Marshall Willet. Reid Scothorn ’14 has graced the Pingree stage for numerous productions.

Agatha Christie’s famous murder mystery, with the ensemble cast, dark humor, and edge of your seat anticipation was an engaging choice for our audience. The twists and turns in the casting and plot kept the show exciting. Every student who performed in the play should be commended for their excellent portrayals of their zany characters.

The Christ School Theater is losing a great team member when senior Patrick Lanier graduates this May. He devoted many hours to Christ School’s Drama department and will truly be missed.

– Director Marshall Baltazar
Each time I travel to Asia I try to remember to bring gifts for the people with whom I’ll meet. I do this for two reasons: Asian culture is well known for its gift-giving and so it is good to be able to reciprocate in a small way; and, I also bring things with the Christ School name or logo to assist in building the Christ School brand. This year’s gifts included CS oval stickers, like the ones you see on the back of many cars, displaying an abbreviation of a school, a beach, or some other place important to the car’s owner, and some Christ School logo Titleist ProV golf balls.

The trip included ten days with stops in five cities: Seoul and Daegu, South Korea; and Nanjing, Shanghai, and Beijing, China. As with previous trips, the main purpose in traveling so far is to interview prospective students, especially so since the number of interested students outweighs by far the number of available openings. It’s also good to visit with current families and appreciate each for the sacrifice they make in sending a son halfway around the world.

Highlights of this year’s trip include:

- Student interviews with eighteen students and their families;
- Visits with twelve of our current families;
- Meetings with educational consultants – professionals on whom international families rely for guidance in selecting a U.S. boarding school;
- More than a few terrific meals, hosted by our families and prospective families;
- Travel by high-speed rail in South Korea and mainland China;
- And, travel on Shanghai’s MagLev (magnetic levitation) Train – Built for the 2010 Shanghai World Exposition, the MagLev Train travels between Shanghai’s Pudong International Airport and a main train station, connecting one to a complete network of trains in metropolitan Shanghai. The trip from the airport to the station is eight minutes in duration but because of the speed with which the train travels (430 kilometers per hour/230 miles per hour), the train needs to begin slowing five minutes into the trip – fascinating, and thrilling!

In five trips, now, to Asia, I have noticed a few things over the years. China is becoming more expensive to visit and there is no end in sight for the interest in students coming to the United States for boarding school or university. In the midst of all of the advances in China’s standard of living and its access to (and well known appetite for) consumer luxury goods, the Chinese educational system cannot keep pace with the evolving demands of its people. It is a common refrain that what is offered educationally is rigid and is simply a one-way flow of information; interaction between teacher and student is not part of the pedagogy. And so what Chinese parents seek for their children is much the same as it is here – an educational environment where their sons will be engaged in learning, where they will be taught to think and to solve problems.

Each Chinese family knows the world that awaits their son is a competitive world, but they know that the best hope for their son’s future is to give him the ability to think and the self-confidence to know that he can handle whatever the future holds – even if it means sending a son halfway around the world to get it.

So, if on your next trip to Asia, you see a CS oval sticker on the back of a car in Shanghai or you find a Christ School logo Titleist on a golf course near Beijing, my advice is simple: wave the driver of the car over and start a conversation, and let me know where you found the Titleist – chances are I know who lost it.
2011 Lessons & Carols

It takes a village to decorate a chapel.

Kiffen Loomis ’16

Neil Milroy ’12

Will Foley ’12
few would argue that the
new entrance to campus
ranks among the most sig-
nificant improvements in recent years
to the physical plant at Christ School.
St. Joseph’s Chapel figures promi-
nently as one arrives at the school.
Indeed, whether approaching day or
night, the chapel is the focal point.
Of course, that has long been the case,
but the new entrance makes it clear.

Just as important is the spiritual
focus the chapel brings to bear. Since
our founding in 1900 there have been
various efforts to broaden and deepen
our spiritual sensibilities, but this year
I sense a greater sense of focus. In
addition to the worship services that
draw us all together during the week,
there are other noteworthy opportu-
nities for those seeking more. Thanks
in large part to the wonderful work
of several members of the community,
this feels more like a shared ministry.

Travis Harris, serving in the role
of Student Outreach Coordinator,
has made a huge impact. He has
spearheaded the effort to coordinate the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and
to introduce a large number of students to
Young Life. Travis has also helped build
the Sunday night fellowship group, which
meets in the home of a faculty member each week.

Dr. Vance Reese, chapel organist,
has also worked tirelessly to bring
amazing talent and innovative pro-
gramming to the chapel. The “Via
Creativa” series, exploring spirituality
through the arts, has ranged from stu-
dent musicians, to baroque trumpet,
to jazz, and even to silent film. What
a gift Vance is to our community.

On Monday evenings in
Lady Chapel, the Rev. Patty Mouer (married
to Joe Mouer, Director of
Academics) gathers together prayer requests that
have been submitted by members of
the community, and invites anyone
interested to join her in prayer.

As we pray together we join the
generations that have been shaped
and helped shape the Christ School
community.

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

A Greater Sense of Focus
Sharing the ministry and offering rich opportunities for worship

by Kirk Brown, Chaplain

Chaplain Kirk Brown at Lessons & Carols

Organist Vance Reese

Travis Harris

Rev. Patty Mouer

Fall/Winter 2012
The vision for MLK Day of Service started as a plan by Outreach Coordinator Travis Harris and Director of Service Learning Olga Mahoney to make our students aware of social and economic issues in the city of Asheville. Last year the way was paved when representatives from several local service organizations came to Christ School and shared their important work with students.

The 2012 Day of Service was the second phase of the outreach effort. Members of the Christ School community aligned with organizations and went into the Asheville community. Students and faculty made a difference with their hands, minds and hearts by engaging in service projects for ABCCM Men’s Shelter, ABCCM Thrift Store, Riverlink, Asheville Recreation Center, Hendersonville Boys and Girls Club, Friends Meeting House and other organizations. Travis Harris said, “Christ School students along side our awesome staff went out in the city of Asheville and answered the call from Dr. MLK Jr to serve others. For me, the Day of Service and watching the seniors lead the parade for our city was my own dream. I felt like I was acting as a “servant” to answer the call from those who have gone before me and made their strides in race relations which allowed me to be successful. In two short years, Christ School has become the model for what it means to be servant leaders for the city of Asheville.”

“Our seniors being chosen to lead the Parade for the city of Asheville was just another example of the MLK dream, a country not divided by race but brought together to exterminate the issues of false race relations.” – Travis Harris, Coordinator of Student Life Outreach
“We helped Asheville GreenWorks clean up an illegal dump site and filled an entire dump truck with discarded tvs, sheet metal, furniture, skis, bicycles, toilets. We all worked together and in doing it, I felt like we were becoming a part of Asheville, closer to this community.”
– Walter Sellars ’14

“At the Friends Meeting House we did maintenance and cleaning and they told us that we went above and beyond expectations.”
– Blaise Dunsmith ’13
In a city now synonymous with disaster, where hurricane, flood, and oil spill nearly wiped out jazz, gumbo, and Saints, one might think that volunteers are a dime a dozen.

But six years after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, bursting the levees that protect the Big Easy from Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River—less than two years after the Gulf Oil spill threatened the livelihood of a city that thrives on tourism and seafood…. 16 boys from Christ School found that the need for servant leadership is greater than ever.

An endless list of devastated houses in the 7th and 9th Wards and other areas of New Orleans are waiting for a group of eager young men to tackle the front yard where weeds and grass have overrun what once was a home. In one day eight boys working side by side with a homeowner can be the difference between demolition and survival.

As one Christ School student noted, “It’s six years after Katrina and we’re cleaning it up right here. Right now.”

Our group from Christ School faced broken down buses and flat tires while navigating the corridors and one way streets of New Orleans, long days where service and learning went hand in hand with good food and fellowship with new friends and old ones. Where momentary struggles met with the joy of worshipping in a congregation at Greater Little Zion Church, we gained perspective on how trivial our worries and frustrations can truly become…

At Second Harvest Food Bank in New Orleans, our students sorted and cleaned fresh vegetables that we were told would find a place on a table in need within hours or days, while at Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station we attempted to grasp the big picture of wetland preservation and the connection between the floods brought by Katrina and the geography of the Mississippi delta.

Even in seemingly idle moments, something new to learn or experience found us at every turn.

After all, service learning is about more than volunteering. To know and understand how and why things happen and what we can do to solve problems, in New Orleans and our own backyards, can be just as powerful in the recovery process as rebuilding a home or providing a meal.

“Where momentary struggles met with the joy of worshipping in a congregation at Greater Little Zion Church, we gained perspective on how trivial our worries and frustrations can truly become…”
Student Activities

Emphasis on Active!

“Nothing to do? Nothing to do? Put some mustard in your shoe...”*

Boredom is not an option at Christ School. While students may opt to catch up on homework or sleep in their spare time, the Student Activities and Service Learning Committees have created opportunities for service to others and just plain fun!

**Sports:**
- Climbmax Indoor Rock Climbing
- Paintball
- French Broad Rafting
- US National Whitewater Center
- Skeet Shooting

**Sporting Events:**
- Clemson Football
- Wake Forest Football
- UNC Football
- Duke Basketball
- Charlotte Bobcats, Carolina Panthers
- Asheville Tourists
- Greenville Road Warriors
- Carolina Hurricanes
- UNC Lacrosse
- Christ School Fan Van
- Monster Jam Monster Trucks

**Music:**
- Chris Robinson Brotherhood
- Guns ’N Roses
- Pretty Lights
- Big Gigantic
- Skrillex
- Big Sean
- BB King
- Trans-Siberian Orchestra
- Bob Seger
- Soweto Gospel Choir

**Special Events:**
- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- MANNA Student Food Drive
- Competition with Carolina Day
- Angel Tree Christmas Project
- Toys for Tots

**Girls School Events:**
- St. Mary’s School Fall Social
- St. Mary’s Winter Formal
- Salem Academy Back to School Bash
- Salem Academy Winter Semi-Formal
- Biltmore Park Co-Ed Social
- US National Whitewater Center Co-Ed Social
- Fun Depot Co-Ed Social
- MANNA Food Bank Service with St. Mary’s School
- IHOP Breakfast Bunch with St. Mary’s School

**Dances:**
- Victory Dance
- Christmas Dance benefiting Toys for Tots
- Valentine’s Dance benefiting Habitat for Humanity

**Cultural Events:**
- Chinese National Acrobats
- Midtown Music Festival
- Reynolda Art Museum
- A Christmas Story
- The Buddy Holly Story
- The Capital Steps
- The Music Man

**Trips:**
- New Orleans Service Learning
- Dominican Republic Service Learning
- Grand Caymans Scuba Diving
- Park City Ski Trip

**Asheville:**
- Co-Ed Social at Biltmore Park
- Regal Cinemas, Asheville Mall
- Downtown Asheville
- Fun Depot

**Community Service:**
- Asheville Humane Society
- MANNA Food Bank
- Brother Wolf Animal Rescue
- Asheville Buncombe County Christian Ministry (ABCCM)
- Church of the Advocate
- Kids Against Hunger
- Teacher’s Pet
- RiverLink
- Boys and Girls Club of Hendersonville
- Homeward Bound

**On Campus Activities:**
- Film Series
- Ping Pong Tournament
- Halo, FIFA, and Call of Duty Videogame Tournaments
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Dorm Wars
- Asheville School Week
- Sunday Sports (weekly)

*—from the poem “Nothing to do” by Shel Silverstein
Fall Varsity Team Honors

Football—Head Coach Mark Moroz
Conference Football Coach of the Year

All WNC (Asheville Citizen-Times)
Sam Martin ’12 - 2nd team defense

NCISAA Division II All State
Mike Dumaine ’13, Sam Martin ’12
Zach Mitchell ’12,
Brett Cockerham ’12

Carolina Piedmont Football Conference
Offensive Player of the Year
Mike Dumaine ’13
Offensive Line
Brett Cockerham ’12
Kicker
Andy McMillan ’12
Linebacker
Sam Martin ’12
Linebacker
Zack Mitchell ’12
Defensive Back
Jay Watson ’12
All Purpose
Charles Beale ’13

Most Improved Player
Matt Seely ’14
Top Lineman
Seth Peterson ’13
George Sarrell Courage Award
Zach Mitchell ’12
Most Valuable Player
Sam Martin ’12

Soccer—Head Coach Guy Campbell ’00

NCISAA 3-A All State Selection
Daniel Shaw ’13
CAA All Conference
Daniel Shaw ’13, Thomas Beard ’12, Brian Cucchi ’13
Most Improved Player
George Ibrahim ’12
Most Valuable Player
Daniel Shaw ’13

Cross Country—Head Coach Doug Embler

CAA All Conference
Kyle Husslein ’14
Most Improved Runners
Ray Yang ’12 and Vince Chen ’12
Most Valuable Runner
Kyle Husslein ’14

Winter Varsity Team Honors

Basketball—Head Coach David Gaines ’84

NCISAA 3-A All State Selections
Will Weeks ’12, Jerome Hairston ’12

CAA All Conference
Will Weeks ’12 Player of the Year,
Jerome Hairston ’12, Shannon Hale ’13, Jaylen Allen ’13

Most Improved Players
Josh Level ’14 and Alec Wnuk ’14
Most Valuable Player
Will Weeks ’12

Wrestling—Head Coach Bruce Stender

Most Improved Player
Forrest Yates ’14
Most Valuable Player
AC Chancellor ’15

Swimming—Head Coach Andy Gyves

NCISAA 3-A All State Qualifiers
Ian Campbell ’14, Jack Fleming ’14, Mark Humble ’14, Jordan Dembski ’15

Most Improved Player
Ian Campbell ’14 and Ed Smart ’15
Most Valuable Player
Jones Hussey ’14

Ski & Snowboard Team—Head Coach Daniel McCauley

Most Improved Racer
Michael Brazinski ’14
Most Valuable Racer
Alex Biggs ’14

Fall Varsity Team Honors L to R: Thomas Beard, Zach Mitchell, Daniel Shaw, George Ibrahim, Mike Dumaine, Kyle Husslein, Brian Cucchi, Vince Chen, Ray Yang, Sam Martin, Brett Cockerham, Seth Peterson.
The Varsity football team generated tremendous excitement starting off the season 8-0 for the first time since the 60’s. Christ School claimed the Carolina Piedmont Football Conference regular season title and earned the #3 ranking in the state playoffs. The Greenies unfortunately ran out of gas late in the year with two losses that included the rival Asheville School game and a loss in the first round of the NCISAA playoffs.

However, the year was still full of many highlights. The Greenie offense averaged 38 points per game while the defense only allowed 16 points per game. On offense three juniors each garnered over 1,000 yards. Christian Jewkes '13 threw for 1294 yards, Mike Dumaine '13 rushed for 1241 yards and Charles Beale '13 finished with 1220 all purpose yards. Defensively Seniors Sam Martin (121 total tackles) and Zach Mitchell (82) led the team. Christ School had many outstanding performers this season that received All-Conference and All-State honors. First year head coach Mark Moroz was named the CPFC Coach of the Year. Players recognized with All Conference selections included Mike Dumaine '13 (offensive player of the year); Brett Cockerham '12 (offensive line); Andy McMillan '12 (kicker); Sam Martin '12 and Zach Mitchell '12 (linebackers); Jay Watson '12 (defensive back); and Charles Beale '13 (all purpose). Dumaine, Cockerham, Martin, and Mitchell were also named to the NCISAA Division II All State team.

Matt Seely '14 started on offense the entire season and was named the Most Improved player. The top lineman award went to team leader Seth Peterson '13, while senior Zach Mitchell earned the George Sarrell Courage award. The Most Valuable player was Sam Martin, who helped lead the Greenies back to glory.

Right: Conference Offensive Player of the Year Mike Dumaine '13
Head coach Guy Campbell ’00 summed up the season with the phrase “you win some and you lose some” as the team finished with a 10-10 record. The Greenies had a great senior class lead by Captains Thomas Beard, Kelton Lastein & Zach Richardson-Bull. Seniors Chris White, Tyler Smith, Jeff Krieger, Neil Milroy, George Ibrahim, Andrew Wiggins, Chase Bickford and Thomas Pritchard all played a huge role this year and will be missed next year.

The offense was lead by Junior Daniel Shaw who led the team with 14 goals. George Ibrahim ’12, Sam Elmer ’13, Willie Olyslager ’13 and Jack Pace ’14 gave opposing teams fits all year with their effort and creativity. Our midfield and defense stayed very consistent throughout the year and was lead by Beard, Zach Richardson-Bull, White, Krieger, Milroy, Pritchard, Smith, Lastien, Bickford, Eason Warren ’13, Reid Memmel ’14 and Josh Moore ’14.

The starting Goalkeeper Brian Cucchi ’13 stepped in this year and played great filling the shoes of last year’s All-CAA, All-WNC Goalkeeper Thomas Beard, who chose to play in the field this year. Cucchi and Vance Morris ’14 will continue to compete for playing time next year.

Senior Thomas Beard earned All-CAA at his second position this year, an accomplishment that should be applauded. He enjoyed a great soccer career here at CS and his value to our program is second to none. Daniel Shaw and Brian Cucchi were also named to the All Conference team and Shaw earned NCISAA 3A All State honors.

Senior George Ibrahim was named the teams Most Improved player and Junior Daniel Shaw was the Most Valuable player.
Coach Doug Embler noted that the cross country team competed against some of the best teams and individuals (both public and private) in the state. The Greenies worked hard in practice and everybody improved their times greatly over the course of the season. Team highlights included a 2nd place finish at Rabun Gap; 4th at the Buncombe County meet held at Christ School and a 3rd place finish in the CAA Conference meet.

The co-recipients of The Reed Finlay Most Improved Runner Award were seniors Ray Yang ’12 and Vince Chen ’12. These two were always at the top of our team scoring in every meet. Vince’s top time of the year was 19:03 at the United Way meet in Newton, while Ray’s best time of the season was in his final race where he ran a personal best 18:59 at the state meet.

Sophomore Kyle Husslein received the Scott Sylvester Most Valuable Runner Award. Kyle was by far the team’s top runner all season. He was first on the team in all the meets in which he participated. His season best time was at the NCISAA state meet where he placed 33rd out of 153 runners with a time of 17:23. Additionally, his conference meet time on the home course of 18:41 placed him 6th overall and earned him CAA All Conference honors once again.
The 2011-12 varsity basketball team had a record of 32-5 for the second consecutive year.

The Greenies were the first team from North Carolina to win the Arby’s Classic Championship in the 29-year history of the prestigious Christmas tournament in Bristol, TN. The team won both the regular season and tournament titles for the Carolinas Athletic Association Conference, but the streak of FIVE straight state titles was ended in the semi-final round with a loss to eventual champion Ravenscroft School in Raleigh. The Greenies opened up the 3A State tournament with a first round win over Covenant Day School. They then defeated Charlotte Christian, 77-64 in the State quarter finals. The loss to Ravenscroft ended a 17 game State Tournament winning streak. “All streaks eventually come to an end, we have had a phenomenal run over the last five-plus years, to win 17 straight State tournament games is amazing,” said Coach David Gaines ’84. “I’m proud of the season we had, especially when you consider that we didn’t return one starter from last year’s Championship team. Will Weeks was injured last year in late December and missed the last 20 games. Guys like Zach, Andy, Spenser and Gabe, all played lesser roles in 2011, but were important players this year.”

The Greenies continued one streak; winning at home, the win streak in the Mebane Fieldhouse, fondly called the Greenie Dome, stands at 74.

Jerome Hairston and Will Weeks, two of the six seniors on the team, both made All-State and All-CAA, with Will being named Conference Player of the Year. Jerome has signed to play at Towson University and Will has committed to play at UNC-Asheville next year.

Andy McMillan, Zach Korkowski, Spenser Dalton and Tyler Stokes are the other seniors. Shannon Hale and Jaylen Allen, both juniors, also made the All-CAA conference team. The sophomore class was well represented on this year’s team, two of them started most of the year, Josh Level and Eric Johnson. Alec Wnuk, Gabe Logan and Kyle Husslein all played large roles on the team, as did junior Matt Cioce.

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–Coach David Gaines ’84
Swimming
A Season of Personal Bests

With a young and vibrant group of athletes, Christ School swimming enjoyed a strong season of growth and continuous improvement as the boys tirelessly endeavored to break personal records. Coaches Andrew Gyves, Vance Brown, and Jordan Reed worked with ten talented young men over the four-month season. As the season progressed, the boys’ individual and relay event times continued to drop and the boys showed tremendous dedication, focus, and heart.

Several of the boys achieved NCISSA 3A State Meet qualifying times, including Ian Campbell ’14 for the 100 Free, Jack Fleming ’14 for the 100 Backstroke and 100 Breaststroke, Mark Humble ’14 for the 100 Backstroke, and Jordan Denbski ’15 for the 100 Breaststroke. Most Valuable Swimmer was awarded to Jones Hussey ’14 who also served as team co-captain. The Most Improved award went to Ed Smart ’15 and Ian Campbell, both of whom achieved dramatic drops in their times.

“The boys laid an excellent foundation this year,” said Coach Gyves, adding, “given their work ethic, and the fact that all of our swimmers will return for the 2012-13 season, we have a lot to look forward to!”

Varsity Wrestling

For the second year the Greenie wrestlers began as a preseason sport. The group of 13 concentrated on fitness, improved their strength and stamina and laid the ground work for the season. With a total of 25 wrestlers during the regular season, the team competed in most of the weight classes, typically with 10-12 of the 14 classes. At the Cardinal Newman Christmas Classic in Columbia, SC, the grapplers placed 4th of 14 teams. At the Clinch Gear Prep School Slam in Atlanta, six wrestlers made it to round four of the consolations compared to two last year. They finished the season with a 10/18 win/loss record. The team placed 6th of 16 teams at the NCISAA State Competition, (six places above that school across town). Co-captain AC Chancellor ’15 placed 2nd at 132, and Wil Watson ’15 placed 3rd at 152. Sam Grabenstein ’15 at 120 and David Benitez ’14 at 126 placed 4th, while Captain Stuart Mason ’12 at 138, Jay Watson ’12 at 145, and Forrest Yates at 220 were in 5th place. Coach Bruce

Coach Gyves

Head coach Bruce Stender and an intent team watch the action.

Jay Watson ’12 makes the take down.

Ed Smart ’15 and Ian Campbell

Co-captain AC Chancellor ’15
Despite the very mild winter, the 2011-2012 Ski and Snowboard team was anything but mild on their way to a record-setting year. The warm weather caused the courses at Cataloochee Ski Area to be sheets of ice on cold nights and slushy slop on warmer nights. Because of the varied conditions, the team worked harder to handle their skis and boards than if conditions were perfect. The work paid off.

The team started skiing in mid-December after conditioning and weight training during November. The races started during Christmas break on January 4th. After the first race night, both in individual and team events, the racers proved that they would be contending for medals by the end of the competition. Both Ski and Snowboard teams placed in the top three schools out of 19 schools participating in the event after the first night.

Cataloochee Ski Area changed their scoring system this year to the national ski race organization called NASTAR (NAtional STAndard Race). This enabled the team to monitor their scores against other racers at the resort, in the state, and in the country. As the team continued to race it became evident that several members of both teams were among the best skiers and snowboarders in the state for their age group. Tal Stephanides (Ski), Michael Brazinski (Ski) and Alex Biggs (SB) all shared time at the #1 spot in the state during the season.

At the end of the season, after all the points were totaled, an award banquet was held at the mountain to hand out total season and final race awards for the local Cataloochee competition. Alex Biggs finished 1st out of 64 racers to become the 2011-2012 Cataloochee Snowboard Champion. Michael Brazinski and Tal Stephanides battled 84 other competitors and took home 6th and 7th place medals respectively. They also took home 8th and 9th place medals during the final race of the season. Zach Richardson-Bull had his best run of the season on the final race and took home the 1st place medal to become the Cataloochee Final Race Snowboard Champion. The snowboard team finished in 3rd place out of 16 teams and the ski team finished in 6th place out of 19 teams for the competition. More importantly, the team finished 2nd overall for the combined Ski/Snowboard team score.

The good news for the team didn’t stop after the final race at Cataloochee, either. Team members Alex Biggs and Giles Plyler for Snowboard and Tal Stephanides and Michael Brazinski for Skiing were notified by NASTAR that they had qualified for the National Championships in Winter Park, CO on March 22-25th.

At the National Championships, our racers rose to the challenge and raced valiantly. All four racers earned medals after four races and two days of competition. In the boys 15-16 year old bronze level competition, Tal Stephanides flew down the slopes and took home the gold medal and the title of National Champion. Michael Brazinski skied
his way to a bronze medal and a place on the medal podium. In the boys 15-16 year old snowboard competition, Alex Biggs earned the silver medal after four brilliant runs and Giles Plyler had his best runs of his season and finished with the bronze medal.

Next season we will look to build upon the success we experienced this season. All four of our national qualifiers are currently sophomores, so we have youth and now experience on our side. With the addition of the other strong members on the Ski and Snowboard team, look for Christ School to be at the top of the leader boards next season as well.

**Team Members: Snowboard: Zach Richardson-Bull '12, Josh Horwitz '12, Alex Biggs '14, Giles Plyler '14, Patrick Grace '15 Ski: Tal Stephanides '14, Michael Brazinski '14, Cole Curtis '14, Blaise Dunsmith '13, Logan Zahn '14  Coaches: Daniel McCauley, Snowboard, Jude Clapper, Ski**
The Christ School Archives has been blessed with a problem… space. Kind and thoughtful alumni and friends have been giving back prized their mementos of their times at Christ School, or even their father’s times.

The basement room in ’38 house is filled to the gills with fireproof filing cabinets and now it spills wonderfully (and sneakily) into the server room, the old darkroom and even into an unused shower room of the former dorm. Maybe if we stopped dumpster diving for old mattocks used on stumps and lanterns from the smoking pits or censors from the old Chapel we would have more room. Well, that won’t happen.

What a wonderful problem to have. Access to these rich historical materials is invaluable and the ‘collection’ is being discovered as a resource by others outside the school. The Pack Library has sent an archivist, as has Handmade in America. Writers of books on the area seek us out, as have other schools—remember The Farm School? You may know it as Warren Wilson College.

Seemingly, every time we share our treasures they come back to us in another form. When William Mitchell of Hendersonville did research at Christ School for his book “Buildings as Architecture” our archive netted a digital set of Stillwell drawings of Wetmore Hall and the attached dormitories. Many alumni and children of alumni ask for information from early decades for their genealogies and in turn are able to identify classmates or relatives in a photo or two.

Recently the archives received three gifts; the original Wetmore china and literary booklets from the late Dave Harris, Jr.; copies of CS News from the 50’s from Tom Cochran ’56; and a collection of writings from Fr. Gail Webbe aka Stephen Cole.

Carol Toole, Fr. Webbe’s daughter graciously gifted Christ School with original Saturday Evening Post, Esquire and Good Housekeeping magazines with his short stories in them as well as original manuscripts for Pitcher and I, which was first written as Me and Eaglebeak. She included letter and fan letters, even one fan letter from Fr. Webbe’s own father which reads with the same humor as his son’s young adult fiction. Look for a feature on this in the next magazine.

The Angelus yearbooks are digitized and online thanks to Marc McQueen ’92, most photos are scanned and we are hope to start digitizing the Galax Leaf which started with the founding of the school. Until then we will continue to search the attics and closets and dumpsters for this most wonderful history. Thanks for giving back!

—Linda Cluxton, Editor and Ersatz Archivist

“The Headmaster and his wife are giving a series of five teas for the student body from Jan. 21 to Feb 25 at the Headmaster’s house. Several faculty members and their wives are assisting Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, Sr. with the tea each Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.” — from the 1962 ‘Christ School News’
Uncle Johnny DeMean worked for Mrs. Wetmore after Fr. Wetmore died in 1906. He kept up the generator and assisted with the ice cutting for decades. His favorite pastime was going to school. He was somewhat of a student pet and would start in a freshman class and stay with the class until it graduated; then he would start in with another freshman class. Each time he reached graduation, he never failed to comment, ‘This is the best senior class I’ve been in.’

-from an article by George Brine about the Wetmore ice pond, February 1962 “Christ School News”
Have you ever heard of the new show *CSI-Arden* that stars none other than our very own Charlie Hacskaylo from the Class of 1965? It might not be real but not even the TV series can match the forensic sleuthing that Charlie used to get in touch with EVERY ONE of his classmates.

Last June when Charlie determined to find his buddies all he had was his ’65 Angelus, his inquisitive mind and a desire to reconnect. He had lost track of, or not talked with, many of his classmates and found that the alumni records were a bit spotty. Nonetheless, he tracked them all down. In one instance, he called a niece, who led him to a cousin, who in turn led him to another relative who finally helped him locate his classmate. His search took him to Kabul, Afghanistan, Lucerne, Switzerland, San Diego, Charleston, as well as Ayden and Arden.

Earlier this year, after locating everyone, Charlie found the mission only partially fulfilled. As you can see in the photo, he arranged a supper in Chapel Hill which had a stellar turnout. Gordon and Jeanie Coleman drove in from Wilmington and Jack and Annelise Simmons came up from Charleston while Tom Youngblood came over from Arden and Lyston Peebles came in from Raleigh. The Fitz-Simons brothers joined in as did Chuck Conkling and Jeff Sparks and his wife Donna. Charlie even invited a couple of brats…Tom Suiter ’66 from Raleigh and Dan ’72 and Jill Stevenson from Christ School.

Mr. Dave, stumps, 3 C’s, St. Genevieve’s, late night escapades, life’s joys and hurts… all were remembered inside the safety and comfort of this Band of Brothers from 1965.

Dr. Jack Simmons, in his 1965 green blazer, presents Charlie Hacskaylo with a plaque of appreciation signed by his classmates.

The terrific turnout for the 1965 dinner in Raleigh was worth the hunt!

Bob Reid couldn’t make the dinner but sent this photo from the Middle East. Several classmates sent photos and Charlie created a Shutterfly account for them to post and share photos.

http://christschool1965.shutterfly.com
Bill Briggs ’55

“What I Want is a Story”

“Jim Agnew and I were at the reunion talking about all the crazy things we did at Christ School. He said we should collect and print all these things. I went to see Gene Presley for dinner and he agreed; so I started calling my classmates in June.”

That makes it sound so easy. Actually, Bill contacted Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson ’72 and enlisted his help in the project. Dan gave him all the class information the Advancement Office had in the computers and Bill went to work. First he composed a letter which the Alumni Office sent out for him and then he got on the phone. “I liked talking to these guys, asking how they were doing and telling them about what I was doing, sometimes we talked for an hour at a time. I told them I wanted a story about their Christ School days.”

Bill didn’t reach every classmate, but he was rewarded with stories and anecdotes from nearly half the class. Impressive, since he described the class as “not cohesive.” He got stories from classmate who didn’t graduate and anecdotes from those who didn’t like their time at Christ School. The majority, though, were the golden memories of roommates, classmates and teachers. “They remember the times that were fun, serious, and sad. One classmate said he would not write anything but wanted to know what everyone in the class was doing. The only thing I didn’t want was to embarrass anyone else.” This is from a guy who wrote his memory about getting the name “Taxi” at Christ School because his ears stuck out.

Bill transcribed the lot and sent them to the Advancement Office for formatting and publishing for his classmates. “I got very little overlap in the stories and I think we might even have classmates come back to the next reunion in May who haven’t been back since graduation. I hope so anyway. I would like to see a lot of other classes do the same thing.”

“I think we learned many things in and out of the classroom that other people learn when they are much older or may never learn, things like: maintaining honor, respecting people for what they do, working with others, being clean and tidy, being polite, and believing that discipline should be fast and fair. Church and religion were the center of the school both physically and spiritually. Most of us walked away far better young men because of it.”

–from Bill Briggs ‘55 in his letter to his classmates.

Once again your intrepid Christ School Magazine editor of 17 years is on the road. Piloting my 38-year-old motorcycle to visit alumni makes each issue more fun for me. Earlier this month I’d missed an interview with George McAden ’43 due to cold weather but it was 70° and sunny when I left to visit Bill Briggs ’55. Weather was not going to get in my way this time. I donned my summer riding gear and headed off campus.

After a springlike ride on back roads I wound my way up Rich Mountain to the home that Bill and Sandy Briggs built. I was greeted by Shelley, their German Shepherd who watched me (well… mostly my motorcycle helmet), as we walked to the front deck. Perched high above downtown Brevard, the deck provides a sweeping mountain panorama that broadcasts the weather well before it arrives on their doorstep.

“How do you get anything done with a view like this?” I asked. “I don’t” Bill shot back, “I’m retired.”

A Lehigh University graduate in electrical engineering, Bill moved to Atlanta and went to work for IBM as an application software developer. “I never used that degree,” he laughed. At age 50 he returned to school at Georgia State University and earned an MBA Degree. Why? His division of IBM was working with K-12 education software development vendors and he thought this would give him an advantage. “I was always on the technical side of things and to have the business degree seemed like a good idea.”

After 31 years with IBM, Bill hasn’t been spending his retirement looking at the view. He serves on the Board of the Friends of the Animal Shelter in Brevard which is working to build a new animal shelter in Transylvania County. That is, when he and Sandy are not traveling to Nepal or Africa, or most recently, on their National Geographic trip to Antarctica.

Bill also spent quite a lot of time this year creating a booklet of memories and stories with his Christ School 1955 classmates as you can see in the opposite article. One look from the deck told us that I needed to get going, bad weather was approaching. Bill sent me down the mountain on a road “less travelled” and I found myself struggling to keep my vintage motorcycle upright on the serpentine gravel track.

I thought that might be the end of the adventure but Mother Nature wasn’t done with me yet: I ran headlong into rain, then fog… then six inches of hail on the road! I threaded my way through the hailstones in the ruts left by the cars and looked around for the funnel cloud that was surely lurking. Instead, I was rewarded by the most beautiful rainbow. I was still all smiles on the wet ride home. My interview with Bill Briggs happened ‘come Hail or High Water’ …next time I’ll pack the rain gear.

–Linda Cluxton
Director of Communication
I am a Commissioned Missionary of the United Methodist Church, serving through the General Board of Global Ministry in a young adult program called the Mission Intern Program. Placed in Nicaragua this past August, my term runs through the end of January 2013. This internship program is a three-year commitment taking place first abroad and then in the United States.

I am presently with a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) called Accion Medica Christiana (Christian Medical Action) or AMC. AMC is active in a wide range of work related to community health. While working with AMC I will carry out two main roles. My first role within the organization is to fulfill the job title of “Volunteer Team Facilitator.” As facilitator I have two basic profiles: In-country logistical coordination for the volunteer teams and intercultural communication support between the North American and Central American cultures during the visits by volunteer teams to Nicaragua.

The second role I have in AMC is to document human impact stories. I begin this next phase of work in the summer when the volunteer team season comes to an end. During this part of my job, I will gather the information needed to write the human impact stories by living with and interviewing members of the different communities where AMC has a presence. These stories are meant to report, on a more personal level than statistics, how AMC has affected the lives of the community members involved in the Organization’s projects. The stories will be used as a resource to share more information with donors and the public about the accomplishments of AMC’s projects.

Nicaragua is a unique country; the communities where I will live and work are located in the eastern part of the country that borders the Caribbean Sea. This eastern section of the country is far less developed than the western half. The project sites are located in some of the most remote and impoverished areas of the entire country.

I really like it down here but I will certainly miss seeing all of my classmates at the reunion.

If you would like to support the United Methodist Mission Intern Program you may go to http://new.gbgm-umc.org/advance/. My advance number is #3021333. The Mission Intern Program is a project of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.
Gathering Hosts

Thank you to all of the hosts that make the Christ School Gatherings possible.

Mr. Silas Paul “Si” Amick ’75 – Columbia, SC
Mr. Edward Mitchell “Ned” Badgett ’75 – Columbia, SC
Mr. John Sadler Beard ’84 – Greensboro, NC
Mr. Thomas R. Beard ’51 – Greensboro, NC
Mr. Chester H. “Trip” Brown, Jr. ’57 – Greensboro, NC
BGEN Chalmers R. “Hap” Carr, Jr. USAF (Ret.) ’56 – Greenville, SC
Mr. Raymond E. “Emery” Clark ’68 – Columbia, SC
Mr. Geddings H. Crawford, Jr. ’81 – Columbia, SC
Mr. E.F. “Dinks” Dupree ’66 – Greenville, SC
Mr. J. Hagood Ellison, Jr. ’68 – Columbia, SC
Mr. James S. “Jim” Guignard ’59 – Columbia, SC
Mr. Edmund H. Hardy ’57 – Columbia, SC
Mr. John C. Knapp, Jr. ’91 – Columbia, SC
Mr. Lawrence R. “Larry” Miller ’56 – Greenville, SC
Mr. Glenn R. Oxner ’56 – Greenville, SC
Mr. William M. “Billy” Peebles ’72 – Columbia, SC
Dr. and Mrs. Jack W. Simmons, Jr. ’65 – Charleston, SC
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. “Tommy” Westfeldt II ’70 – New Orleans, LA
Mr. Richard Bowden Moore ’90 – Atlanta, GA
Mr. Derick S. Close’77 – Charlotte, NC

If you would like to host a gathering for Christ School Alumni, Parents and Friends in your town, please contact Dan Stevenson at (828) 684-6232 ext. 184 or dstevenson@christschool.org.

Charleston native Chad Bennett ’99 struck out for the West Coast after he graduated from Furman University looking for a career in television and movie production. After working with Moxie Pictures and on CNN’s Larry King Live, Bennett moved into brand management at Reveille Productions, an independent television and film studio. Senior executives recognized his creativity and tenacity and he earned opportunities to learn the industry and advance his career in the industry. At Reveille Bennett worked on shows including The Biggest Loser, Shear Genius, Tabatha’s Salon Takeover, American Gladiators and Nashville Star and with blue-chip marketers, including General Mills, Subway, Rodale, Wrigley, Kraft, 24-Hour Fitness and SC Johnson.

After nearly a decade with Reveille and now a marketing pro, Bennett launched a new company, Populus Brands, in February 2012. Populus integrates brand development, current production, international consulting, licensing, sponsorship, promotional partnerships and strategic business development to drive franchise growth, incremental revenue and consumer engagement. Seeking to increase engagement with consumers, the company forms partnerships between content creators, sponsors, licensors, manufacturers, retailers and marketers to build lifestyle and entertainment brands derived from and driven by show content.

Perhaps the strongest endorsement for Bennett’s expertise in the field and his new company is that his former company Reveille has committed to Populus as one of its charter clients. Bennett will continue to consult with The Biggest Loser sponsorships and its consumer products brand that he previously built and managed. The Biggest Loser online subscription site biggestloserclub.com with more than 700,000 subscribers to date, New York Times best-selling book series, best-selling fitness DVDs, best-selling interactive games, magazines, mobile applications, at-home delivery meal programs, fitness equipment, scales, protein supplements, apparel, a 5K/1 Mile event, refrigerated foods, a Biggest Loser credit card and The Biggest Loser resorts are all part of his work. In addition, he’ll work closely with the network, production team and connected businesses to further drive growth of MasterChef, which has spawned product lines including cookware, appliances, cooking classes and cookbooks.

Does this make Chad Bennett the biggest winner?
The 60's showed up for The Game!


1939
Dr. and Mrs. C. Russell Reynolds ’39 youngest daughter was married in June in Boone while their oldest is a nurse at Rex Hospital, having finished NCSU and UNC–CH in 2009. Sally and Russ have produced another book, We Remember: Stories by N.C. Veterans of World War II.
“The stories cover a wide range of aspects of military service from the comic to the tragic and everything in between.”

1947
Thomas Wilson ’47 reports that he is in incredibly good health for 81 years old. He is enjoying travel and grandchildren. He is having a great life!

1948
Cary Peyton ’48 and his wife Sheridan are came to town and stayed in the Alumni Room in mid–October. They were awed by how wonderful the school looks and is doing.

Bill Kennedy ’48 and wife Nancy visited The Allen Mebane Science Center in March and were quite impressed.
“As my roommate the last year at Christ School, and Co–Editors of The 1948 Angelus, Allen and I had many happy and amazing times together! What a thrill to have seen him so very successful in developing new techniques for the Textile Industry and building such a fine and successful, publicly traded company. His sharing that asset’s value with Christ School and the many generations of students to come has set a high goal for all. I was disappointed for Christ School that none of our three children went to boarding school, and now seven of our grandchildren are home schooled in Boone, NC and five other of our grandchildren are in Atlanta schools. We are so blessed with these children, and Christ School and its students have been blessed by Allen Mebane.

1949
John Schnorrenberg ’49 stands as he is recognized in Chapel.

1950
John Legg ’50 reports that he is retired from the Town of Skaneateles Water Department as Superintendent. He is enjoying his life and keeping up with 10 grandchildren.

1951
Tom Beard ’51 and his classmate Scott Bruns exchanged emails in which Scott proposed and Tom agreed that the Advancement office should adopt a policy of including the “shoulder” year classes of each five year anniversary class in all the festivities of that Alumni Weekend. The Advancement Office acted on his suggestion starting this year!

Scott Bruns ’51 writes that he is going to Maryland this spring to watch his grandchildren ride in steeplechases and is later planning to escape the Florida summer heat by fleeing to Europe.

Madeline and Graham Sale ’51 were married on February 5, 2012. Graham is teaching French at Enka High School in Asheville.

1953
Kermit E. Brown, Jr. ’53 spent the summer 2011 acting in two Agatha Christie plays for the Flat Rock Playhouse – “Witness for the Prosecution” at the new theater on Main St. Hendersonville and then “The Mousetrap” at the Flat Rock Playhouse.

1955
Bill Briggs ’55 serves on the Board of the Friends of the Animal Shelter in Brevard, NC which is working to build a new animal shelter in Transylvania County.

1958
Tim Scobie ’58 and Sandra had lunch with John Lovell Smith, Jr. ’58, Stan Gibson ’58 and his wife Suzanne before enjoying a CS football game on Faysoux Field.

Tim Scobie ’58 and Sandra White were married in November, 2011.
Charles “Chuck” Darsie ’58 says that he is retired but he works pro bono to help free prisoners who have been wrongly convicted. His four boys are all doing well and Sandra stays busy too.

Jeremy F. “Jere” Douglass ’58 is still working writing security software for a large international company that specializes in banks as clients. They also stay busy with grandchildren.

Reed Finlay ’58 and his wife Lucretia spent nearly six weeks in Oahu house sitting and sending back numerous missives of the sights, sounds and adventures… as only Big R can do!

George G. L. Palmer ’58 did not go out West this summer as he has built a new horse barn on Wadmalaw Island where he spends most of his time. Denis Stokes, Advancement Director, recently visited George’s sons in NYC and said that they were doing well.

Mr. Julian A. “Alan” Sader ’58 was awarded “Best Actor” from the Richmond Theatre Critics Circle (RTCC) for his acclaimed performance as Shakespeare’s King Lear. He also filled the stage with a commanding presence as “Big Daddy” in the production of Tennessee Williams “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” for the Firehouse Theatre Project in downtown Richmond.

Dr. Eli Mitchell ’59, psychologist and author visited campus on Thursday, October 13. He had breakfast with students and then worked with the Psychology class in the morning. He met in the dining hall during lunch to with faculty to share some of his thoughts on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Col. William M. Robeson, USA(Ret.) ’59 continues happily working as a financial planner while Bonnie helps looking after the four grandchildren.

“Mac” Morrow ’64, a former Senior Council member, came out to campus for lunch and a tour of the new Science center.

Jim McCullough ’65 is the director of religious education at Our Lady of Grace Church where he enjoys the “ground-level work of teaching” and encouraging people to deepen their relationship with Christ. He has been married to Karen, a website designer, for 42 years.

Lyston Peebles ’65 stopped by on a trip to care for his, Brad’s ’68 and Billy’s ’72 ailing mother in Greenville. He was moved by the Eagle Project on Yard A and thankful that his great friend Tommy Goodman, was memorialized there. Lyston does great work with Cherokee Cares, helping third world children find an opportunity to succeed in this world.

Bill Hasskamp ’67 and his son Will visited campus and is hiking the Mountains to Sea trail as part of a conditioning regimen for hiking the AT in 3 years.

Rory Rawls ’67 took a job in Michigan 2 1/2 years ago but he and Pam have kept their house and PO Box in Tigerville.

John R.C. Bowen ’67 (and ’66) has practiced law on Hilton Head Island for thirty years. His firm members include the current Mayor of the Island. He and wife Leslie have four children (including Joe, Class of 2010) and two grand children, all but one of whom are living on or around Hilton Head. He reports that the Island has a significant CS population running things including: Fitz McAden ’67, the editor of the local newspaper The Island Packet; Lee Edwards ’86, a current town councilman; and local real estate magnate Spain Kelly ’69.

Tom Britt -Mid 60’s Faculty

Dan Stevenson ’72 had a conversation with former faculty member Tom Britt recently. He is still living in Essex, Ct., still drives a MG and has returned to playing the Cello. He spoke fondly of his time at school and welcomes calls from his old students. Who remembers the name of his Irish Setter...contact Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson (828-684-6232 ext 184) for the answer!
1968

Benjamin Porter '68 was in Southeast Asia recently and wrote back home to friends in less exotic locations, like Arden.

“Though you may be squeamish at the thought of eating fried crickets, my approach to foreign travel is to eat locally. The crickets were small, crunchy, and salty… kind of a local version of peanuts to go along with your beer. I have enjoyed many wonderful meals on this journey through Myanmar (Burma), Laos and Thailand. For me, it is a good sign when the menu has nothing written in English, and I can just say to my dinner companions, “Please order for me!”

“In Vientiane, I treated myself to a half-day cooking class and enjoyed learning some basics of Lao cooking. The setting was as lovely as the class was fun; located at a home and garden just outside of town overlooking the Mekong River. It was actually the third class I took on this trip and I can say that I am still a complete novice.”

Benjamin has formed a new company for leading group tours called Small Footprint Travels. “We will be small, honor the local culture, and leave few footprints, if any at all!” The first tour to Myanmar is scheduled for October 20-31, 2012. His plan is for “small groups (6-10 people) dedicated to image making (still and video), food (cooking classes!), and local culture-based experiences lasting about nine days.”

Future plans for Small Footprint Travels include adventure trekking to visit hill tribes in northern Thailand and northern Laos and a tour to one of his favorite stomping grounds, Bolivia.

If interested, contact Benjamin Porter at benjamin@bporterphotography.com.

1968

Robert H. Pettee, Jr. '68 moved to New York and is the chief pilot at television NEWS 12 Long Island flying weather helicopters.

1969

Hardy Fowler '69 reigned on Fat Tuesday as Rex, King of Carnival in New Orleans. Fellow New Orleanian, Tommy Westfeldt '70 was Rex in 2009.

1970

Watson Tebo, Jr. '70 joined CSI Laboratories as an account manager in Oct. 2011. CSI is a consultative Pathology Service providing specialized cancer diagnostics.

1971

Hicks Milner '71 came up from Atlanta for two weekends and photographed both CS-AS football and basketball games. He is enjoying a career as a professional photographer. There are some great CS football and basketball shots on his site www.milnerphotography.com.

1972

Jeff Griffin '72 came by campus to take a tour and join Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson '72 for lunch and a pickup game of basketball.

Will Sagar '72 visited campus in December.

Chris Seitz '72 is an Episcopal minister splitting his time between his home in Dallas, TX and Wycliffe College in Ontario. He will return to campus for his 40th reunion to preside over the renewed “Sung Mass with Incense” service that will continue to be a part of Alumni Day as long as the Alums clamor for it …so let us hear from you!

Jim Stickney '72 had lunch with Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson '72

1973

Steven Baumrucker, MD '73 is the Associate Editor in Chief of The American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and is medical director of the Palliative Medicine program for Wellmont Health System. Steve enjoys being a father to two sons, ages eight and seven, whom he hopes will be Christ School students someday.

1974

Lucretia and Reed Finlay '58 drove to Winston-Salem to have turkey dinner with Arnold Blakney and Gould Lyons of the Class of 1974 at their church. Arnold graduated from Duke and Gould from UNC.
Ted deSaussure '74 lives in Charlotte with his wife Cindy. He came out to the football match that pitted the undefeated Greenies against undefeated Southlake Christian Academy and enjoyed watching the Greenies rally from a 21-7 deficit with 6 minutes to go in the 2nd quarter to a 31-21 lead at halftime and ultimately claim a victory.

Christ School Board President Nat M. Hyde '74 won the Bank of America Global Wealth Management David Brady Award for leadership, mentoring, partnering and community service. (One of 12 nationwide and named for an advisor who died in the 9/11 attacks.) He also won the George Williams award from the YMCA of Greater Charlotte for his volunteer efforts at Camp Harrison.

1976
Richard Petit '76 is in his 16th year at Fidelity Bank where he works as the head of Internal Audit. His radio show on WRFG FM continues (25 years) every Wed. 6-8 a.m. Richard told Reed Finlay ’58 to tune in via the Internet at www.wrfg.org. “I’ll play your favorite blues aria.” He also wrote that “My wife Doreen and I are doing very well. Our kids, 14 and 16, are smart as sassy whips and very artistic.”

1978
Oscar Sanchez ’78 has been married for 12 years and has an 8 year old son. He has been working for General Mills for more than eight years as their representative for Central America and much of South America.

1982
Philip Laughridge ’82 visited with Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson ’72. He is in the building business.

1983
William Elliott Hutson ’83 married Bonnie Stevenson.

1987
Bobby Mottern III ’87 welcomed their baby daughter Beatrice Anne, born on Sept. 9, 2011.

1990
Jay Taylor, Jr. ’90 is the Owner/Partner of Kinghorn Insurance of Beaufort. Wife Megan is a CRNA at Beaufort Memorial Hospital; their daughter Katherine is in the 1st grade and is 6 years old; their son, Langdon is 4 years old.

Nader Ajlouny ’90 and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their firstborn son Aidan George Ajlouny at 3:08 a.m. on October 24th 2011.

1993
Brian Denney ’93 and his wife, Rosemary, had a baby girl, Juliana, in October, 2010. They came by campus, looked around and had lunch. Brian said that although he spent just one year at CS it changed his life for the good and he was glad to see the place again.

1999
Dr. Patrick Galloway ’99 recently graduated (May 2011) with a DDS with “Distinction” from the UNC Dental School and is currently doing a residency in periodontics at the University of Texas, San Antonio. He and his wife Meghan have a new baby, Jack Brannon Galloway, born May 2, 2011.


1994
Brandon and Amy Lowery had their first little girl, Logan Lowery, January, 2012. Brandon and Amy currently live in Cornelius, NC.

1998
Frederik Schmachtenberg ’98 and his wife Anna had a baby girl, Anna Cecile, on February 10th. “Things are going very well here, but our little Anna is definitely keeping us up on our toes.” Frederik and Sara are living in Zurich, Switzerland. He is still working for Ernst & Young, the same company that he worked for in Boston.

1995
Jay Dobbs, Jr. ’95 met Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson ’72 for breakfast. Jay went to the University of Mississippi and is the president of Birmingham Budweiser.

1997
Jeremy Walters ’97 and his son Asher competed in the Spartan Games at the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte.

1974
Photo of Ben Nash ’74 and his lovely wife Jenna at an office party. He jokes that she is a “Bond Girl” because she works for Carolina Capital Markets in Chapel Hill.

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2002
Lyles Webster ’02 is going to seminary in Wake Forest and his cousin Michael Lyles ’14 is in the fourth form.

2004
Morgan K. Herterich ’04 is the proud father of a baby girl named Baylor Kennedy Herterich.

Wyndham M. Manning IV ’04 has moved to Asheville and came to campus for lunch and a tour with Alumni Director of Alumni Dan Stevenson ’72.

Mark Yanik ’04 works for Balfour Beatty, a large civil infrastructure company involved in the design, construction, and operation of everything from highways and subways, to schools, hospitals, and government facilities. Mark has been accepted into Duke University’s MBA program but has deferred until the fall of 2013 to work in Balfour Beatty’s London headquarters as the assistant to one of the company’s CEOs in a trial management training program.

2005
Josh Burke ’05 currently is working for Lenovo Group LTD as an Account Manager that sells in State and Local Governments, K-12 and Higher Education entities.

Grant J. Cleavenger ’05 returned to campus in January (with his girlfriend Erin), had lunch, toured campus and was wowed by the new entrance, Chapel expansion and the Mebane Science center.

2006
Julian Burdette ’06 is living in Atlanta.

Max Parnes ’06 opened the 1,200-square-Mad Max’s Comics and Games in downtown Spartanburg next to Imagination Station. After graduating from Christ School, Parnes went the University of Louisville in Kentucky. He earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. He lived in Louisville for a time after college and worked in a comic book shop. He also ran a business on eBay selling vintage comics and collectibles and that eventually grew into his own store.

Jay Queen ’06 is helping Max Parnes ’06 open Mad Max’s Comics and Games on Main Street in Spartanburg, SC.

Matt Gwynne ’06 is an assistant men’s basketball coach at Wake Tech Community College.

2007
Jeremiah Bell ’07 graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in chemistry from Western Carolina University. “While at WCU, I pledged the Sigma Chi Fraternity and became highly involved with the community. From my desire to become a doctor, I charted and became president of a pre-professional health honor society called Alpha Epsilon Delta.” He is now enrolled at St. George’s University Medical School, the oldest Caribbean medical school, in Grenada. He will complete two years of classroom studies there and then his two years of clinical are at an associated hospital in NYC. Graduation should be December 2015.

JP McQuilling ’07 is working on his PhD in biomedical engineering at Wake Forest University specializing in diabetes research. His father mentioned that he has been published and cited in medical textbooks and recently flew to New Zealand to work in a medical research facility that specializes in regenerative medicine.

Miles ’08, Mason ’09 and Marshall ’11 Plumlee were consistently in the press this season. Must be their Christ School connection...

Tyler G. Williams ’07 is working on his PhD in biomedical engineering at Wake Forest University specializing in diabetes research. His father mentioned that he has been published and cited in medical textbooks and recently flew to New Zealand to work in a medical research facility that specializes in regenerative medicine.

2008
Miles Plumlee ’08 wrapped up four seasons of impressive work on the basketball team for Duke University. The 6-10, 245-pound senior has been a major contributor to four Duke teams that have had (to this point) a combined 123-21 record. He’s started 53 of those games, scoring over 600 points and pulling down more than 600 rebounds. He’s played on three ACC championship teams and one that won the national title.

Whit Whitmire ’08 is attending the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University, majoring in Marketing. After a paid internship in Santiago, Chile with a major Chilean
dairy (& other beverages, food products, etc.) company called Soprole; he now is interning with The Reynolds Group, a marketing and PR group in Atlanta.

2009

Mason Plumlee ’09 was voted to the Capital One Academic All-District III first team, as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Plumlee carried a 3.44 grade point average as a double major at Duke, majoring in Psychology and Cultural Anthropology. The 6-10, 235-pound forward is one of the top post players in the ACC. Plumlee has scored in double figures 15 times this season while hauling in at least 10 rebounds in 10 games. He has started 42 consecutive games, leading Duke to a 35-7 record in those outings, and ranks among the ACC’s top 10 in rebounds per game (2nd), blocked shots (7th) and total offensive rebounds (5th). With 124 career blocks, Plumlee also ranks ninth on Duke’s all-time list.

2010

Joe Bowen ’10 is a sophomore at the College of Charleston which he has attended since leaving Kings Point. Joe spent the summer working in the water sports field for Palmetto Bay Water sports on Hilton Head Island.

Jervis ‘Champ’ Stuart ’10, a sophomore at Brevard College, earned South Atlantic Conference Player of the Week honors after his performances in the games from April 2 – 8.

Stuart hit .643 on the week and added a double, triple and home run and three stolen bases in leading the Tornados to a victory over Division I Gardner-Webb, as well as a three-game sweep over conference rival Wingate University as Brevard went 4-0 on the week.

Champ went 9-for-14 on the week and is currently on a 12 game hitting streak, raising his batting average nearly 70 points during the run to take the overall lead in the SAC batting race this week.

For the season, Stuart leads the SAC in batting average (.449) and is the Tornados offensive leader in runs scored with 39 and stolen bases with 12 on the season.

Andrew Walters ’10 is attending Liberty University, playing club lacrosse and majoring in youth ministry.

2011

Tripp Mann ’11 and Frost Parker ’11 visited campus to keep an eye on the Greenie wrestlers in a recent match against Asheville School. Tripp is now a Phi Psi at USC while Frost is nearing the end of his nob year at the Citadel.

Albert Joo ’11 was accepted to Korea University of Foreign Studies and is majoring in Korean-English translation.
David Page Harris, Jr. ’44
A Christ School Life

David Page Harris, Jr., was born at Christ School on October 31, 1926 to David Page Harris, Sr. and Elizabeth Merrimon Harris. He attended the second and third forms at Christ School, graduated from Kent School in Kent, CT, and was a veteran of the US Navy where he was a quartermaster. He graduated from NC State University with a BS degree in Civil Engineering and from UNC-Chapel Hill with a Masters of Education.

He moved home to Christ School in 1952 to help his father with the construction of the new gym. He remained to serve as a physics teacher and in 1960 became Assistant Headmaster. Later succeeded his father as Headmaster in 1967. In the October, 1967 edition of The Christ School News, writer Ben Porter ’68 reported on a speech by the new Headmaster. He said, “The major task ahead is to strengthen the school scholastically without upsetting the physical, mental, and spiritual balance.”

He moved to Baton Rouge, LA. In 1971 and served as Assistant Headmaster and Administrator at Episcopal High School until his retirement in 1987. He was married for 60 years to Margaret Spencer Gravatt “Pat” Harris who passed away last February.

Mr. Harris was a teacher at heart and a kind mentor who touched the lives of generations of students. He is remembered most for the wisdom he often passed on outside of school. He loved books, nature, gardening, choral music and Bach, and no image is complete without his ever present pipe. He was a founding member of both the Asheville and Baton Rouge Choral Societies.

His ashes were interred in the Harris Chapel in a service to commemorate his life.


david Page Harris III for his father:
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TRIBUTE:

Headmaster in 1970

With father David Harris

With John Moore in 1939

With father David Harris
Walker Aderholt ’66
A Tireless Worker for Christ School

Walker Clayton Aderholdt of Hickory, passed away in November. At Christ School he played football and was a member of the boys choir. The friendships he made during his years at Christ School remained strong and steadfast through the years.

He attended North Carolina State University and was owner and manager of several restaurants in Hickory where he continued working in the food industry until 2009.

A tireless worker for Christ School, Walker was recognized at the 2010 Angelus Dinner for his years of devoted service. Over the years he was a member of the Christ School Board of Trustees, Alumni Council Member, VP and then President, Athletic Hall of Fame Committee member and Annual Loyalty Fund volunteer.

Ben Nash ’74 remembered him with these words. “Walker was the anchor of the Class of 1966. He loved Christ School with all his heart. He never missed a Christ School/Asheville School football game… that was his Super Bowl.”
Christ School Mission

Christ School is a college preparatory school affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Our mission is to produce educated men of good character, prepared for both scholastic achievement in college and productive citizenship in adult society. We achieve this mission through a four-fold process. First and most important, we challenge and encourage each student, in the nurturing environment of a close-knit campus, to develop academically to his maximum potential. Second, through competitive sports, student self-government, and a variety of extracurricular activities, we help each student to develop his physical fitness and leadership skills, and his respect for others regardless of their origins, cultures, or beliefs. Third, by involvement in the care of our campus home, civic duty is learned, along with a sense of the dignity of honest labor. Finally, through religious instruction and regular participation in chapel activities, each of our students learns the sustaining value of faith and spiritual growth throughout his life.

Christ School admits boys in grades eight through twelve based on academic ability, personal qualifications, and recommendations, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, or national and ethnic origin.
Four CS ski/snowboard team members traveled to the National Championships in Winter Park, CO during spring break. All four earned medals. See the story on page 32.