



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



2026

WE ARE ROYALS...



HIGH SCHOOL L.A.

Spring for High School Language Arts students at CHESS means the annual Poetry March Madness! This year, students read, annotated, discussed, and analyzed poems from the classical canon as well as from contemporary authors. The month-long competition culminated in a Final Four ad campaign and a Championship Round ESPN-style broadcast. There were some tough losses and some celebrated wins, but everyone got their hands and ears on some great poetry!



ATHLETICS

We are so excited to be launching our track team, which has already shown remarkable progress in its first season. This early success reflects the dedication and vision of Head Coach Allison Edmonds and Assistant Athletic Director Rebecca Luebke, who have built a strong foundation centered on hard work, resilience, and belief. Despite not having a traditional track facility, they have led with creativity and resourcefulness, creating an environment where students can thrive. Their leadership has been exceptional, and this team is already a testament to what passion and perseverance can accomplish.





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ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Kincaid's 3rd grade class has been hard at work on an exciting area and perimeter project! Students designed their own zoos on paper, carefully calculating the area and perimeter for each space—from animal enclosures to food vendors and restrooms. They then selected an animal to research and brought their learning to life by building a 3D model of its enclosure, thoughtfully adding natural habitats and enrichment features found in real zoos.



READ-A-THON

Our annual Read-A-Thon was a great success this year, raising a total of \$2,554! We are so proud of our students for their enthusiasm and commitment to reading, as well as the support from our families and community that made this possible.

Thanks to this success, we are excited to continue growing and enhancing our library book selections, providing students with more opportunities to explore and learn.

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READ-A-THON *Congratulations!*

Elementary Winners	Middle School Winners
1st place Zeke Callan \$1,076.00 2nd place Jackson Curtis \$538.00	1st place Kathryn Freeman \$177.50 2nd place Daisy Keller \$40.00

Each winner will get to choose a giftcard to Amazon or Chick-ill-a!

KEEP READING





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GETTYSBURG TRIP

Our 7th and 8th grade students experienced a meaningful trip filled with learning, connection, and fun. On Day 1, they visited the Flight 93 Memorial, where they reflected on the courage and sacrifice of those involved. The group then settled into camp, enjoying activities, great meals, and ending the day with worship and prayer around the campfire. Day 2 took students to Gettysburg, where history came to life through immersive experiences like the Cyclorama, museum visits, and a guided battlefield tour. They gained a deeper understanding of the people and stories of the Civil War, while also enjoying time to explore the town and connect with one another. The day concluded back at camp with worship and small group reflection, as students continued to grow together through this shared experience.



Birthday Facepainting in Preschool



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PRESCHOOL

As part of the preschool's plant and insect unit, 7th grade scientists taught the PreK class about parts of an insect. The older students made up a song to share about insect body parts, brought microscopes, and dissected huge grasshoppers with the preschool students!

The 7th graders were able to answer questions, lend their bravery, and help the PreK students examine body parts at high magnification. The preschoolers are already asking when the "big kids" are coming back. We love these multi-age experiences!



ADMISSIONS

CHESS Admissions opened reenrollment to current families in January, and we are pleased to announce that 83% of our students have already signed up to return! This strong response reflects the continued partnership and trust within our school community. We are excited to welcome them back again next school year!



DID YOU KNOW?

TNT ADVENTURES - APRIL



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FAITH FINDERS & VOYAGERS

Faith Finders (7th - 8th) visited Nova Adventure Park. Students bounced, climbed and explored, then wrapped up with pizza and a recap of the year.

The Voyagers (9th - 10th) went to Activate for games, which made them use teamwork to conquer physical and strategy challenges. They danced across light-up floor tiles, dodged detection lasers, and aimed missiles (squishy balls) at meteors.



MISSIONS IN MOTION

TNT students supported Simple Street Ministry through an inner-city outreach using funds from a dodgeball tournament to provide food, serve others, and pray alongside ministry workers. Several young men served at Camp Chautauqua, completing hands-on projects like stacking wood, moving materials, and chipping concrete from fence posts.



COMPASS CREW

Compass Crew (11th - 12th) traveled to western Pennsylvania to raft the Lower Youghiogheny. Students tent camped in rainy & clear weather. As an added challenge, our group captained most of our own rafts - no professional guides inside.

