



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



2026

WE ARE ROYALS...



HIGH SCHOOL CORE

Students in Mrs. Schantz's Biology class are using stop-motion as a powerful, hands-on way to visualize and model complex, microscopic, and time-intensive processes such as mitosis, meiosis, and DNA replication. By creating frame-by-frame animations with clay, they transform abstract concepts into tangible, dynamic sequences—boosting both engagement and understanding while bringing biology to life.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CORE

Winter Math Fun! Our students got creative with a little winter-themed hands-on learning! Using mini marshmallows as “snowballs” and spoons as catapults, they tackled a variety of math challenges. Each station invited them to practice skills like averages, measuring, geometry, and place value all while having a blast flinging snowballs and bringing the winter weather indoors. Learning has never been this sweet!





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PRESCHOOL CHAPEL

Preschool chapel was squirrely and imperfectly beautiful this month! Our Bear Cubs led with their memory verse for their weather unit: "The LORD is faithful to all His promises."-Psalm 145:13. Ms. Jody helped the kids act out the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal from 1 Kings 18. Evie starred as the lightning bolt! The students and teachers simulated the rainstorm that the Lord sent to end the 3 years of drought on the land. Following the great storm, Ms. Sarah led in worship. The students were encouraged to use all that they have to praise the Lord - egg shakers, their voices, or their talents-like dancing!



PRESCHOOL

Mrs. Schantz, our upper school science teacher, visited the preschool for a hands-on hygiene lesson! She sprayed everyone's hands with a special solution and the students checked them under a black light before and after washing. They were amazed to see all the "hidden germs" that stayed behind even after washing their hands. It was a fun (and surprising!) way to learn about staying clean and healthy!



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TEACHER APPRECIATION

Teacher Appreciation Week was such a sweet reminder of who we are as a CHESS family. Every detail from the heartfelt messages covering our “Cup Runneth Over” wall to hallway decor, the meals served, coffee shared, and hands that quietly set up and cleaned up. Each spoke one clear message: our teachers are deeply valued. The joy on their faces and the gratitude expressed throughout the week made it evident that they felt truly seen and cared for. It was a beautiful picture of a community coming together to pour back into those who pour out every single day.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

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CHESS ATHLETICS



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Varsity Boys Basketball OVCC Tournament Champions

Varsity Boys are advancing to the State Tournament Final Four



Jr. High Boys Basketball OVCC Tournament Champions OVCC Regular Season Champs



Varsity Girls Basketball OVCC Tournament Runners-up Participating in the NCSAA National Tournament



JV Boys Basketball OVCC Tournament Runners-up OVCC Regular Season Champs



OVCC ALL STARS

Silas Kempe, Josh Huff, Hudson Brooks, Tre Hecker, Eli Ferguson, Ava Ponchot, Ellie Peebles, Amelia Tumpak, Sofia Tumpak, Kiersten Farler, Bekah Hartley, Lydia Laswell, Lillian Hunley, Greta Miron, and Bethel Zechar