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# The Patriot Times

*Merry Christmas from the Students of Charlton Heston Academy*

## ELA Classes Learn about Kirtland Theatre

*Maddie Huntley*

On December 11th, 2013, Ms. Johnson's 6th and 9th grade English Language Art (ELA) classes took a trip to Kirtland.

The reason they took the trip to was

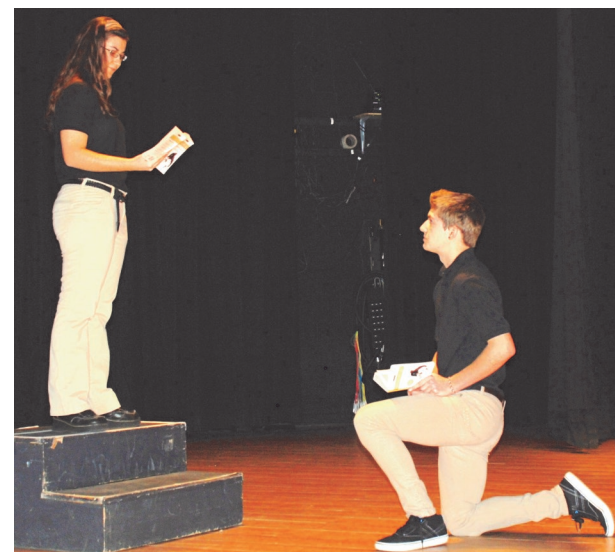
because they are reading *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens (the 6th graders), and *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare (the 9th graders).

The 9th graders had a drama lesson from a

college professor, and got to act out a scene from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* on the Kirtland stage.

The 6th grade class took a tour of the theater, and got a drama

lesson from a college professor. The students also had the opportunity to perform a scene from *A Christmas Carol* on the Kirtland stage.



RIGHT: Sadie Curtis and Brandon Perryman practice a scene from *Romeo and Juliet* at Kirtland College

## CHA performs for Christmas



2nd and 3rd graders singing during Christmas Concert

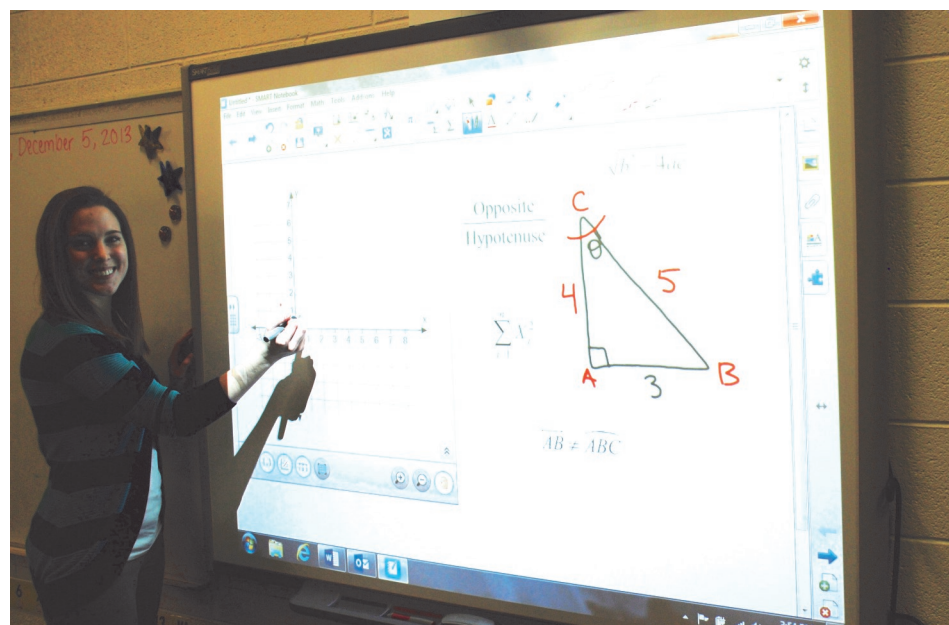
*Danielle Marshall*

Charlton Heston Academy presented "A World or Christmas". Charlton Heston Academy students perform at Kirtland Community College in the auditorium. The one who directed everything was Mrs. Candace Peterson.

Kindergarten and first grade sang "I want to be an Elf", "Oh, Christmas Tree", "Snowman Jump" and "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" a crowd pleaser. The Charlton Heston Academy Choir sang "Oh Come, Little Children" and

the next set of patriots come up on the stage. Second and Third Grade presented "Fum, Fum, Fum", "An African Carol", "Two french Carols", and "Santa's workshop"! The students that play the recorder played Dreidle Spin. As they finished the choir sang Bell Carol. Fourth and fifth grades students sang Ring the Bells, Little Children, also Ding, Dong, Ding, A still still night. They had also sang "March of the Three Kings" with the recorders. Their final song was "Shepherds

Go Tell". They started to leave the stage while the Choir sang "On a Christmas Night" Finally sing along with the Guitars. The songs where, "Jingle Bells", "Jingle Bell Rock", "Feliz Navidad" and a favorite of all, "We wish you a Merry Christmas". CHA student Partick Fink played the electric guitar. Also a special thanks to: Parent volunteers, CHA Staff and Students, Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland College.



Ms. Hillman uses the smart board to teach math

## Featured Reporter: Alyssa Taylor



*Kaylee Bryzelak*

Meet Alyssa Taylor. She is a sixth grade student at Charlton Heston Academy. She loves math and softball plus playing farm ville. Her favorite animal is a cat. Favorite food is pasta with cheese. Her favorite subject in school is math. Her

first top color is green. Alyssa likes the song Royals by Lorde. She has two cats and two dogs and is allergic to both of them. Alyssa Taylor likes C.H.A because, of all the extra activities that you can do when all your work is complete.

## CHA starts bowling team

*Ryan Marshall*

C.H.A has started a bowling team that last till early February. They will practice at High Score Lanes in West Branch. There are six bowlers, Tyler Curns, Nathaniel Desnyder, Danny Ferguson, Ryan Marshall,

Brandon Perryman, and Jacob Compo. Blaze Kein is the coach for the boys team, and Dottie Langenburg coaching for the girls team. So far there is only a boys' team because of the lack of girl participants. The team will

be traveling all over Michigan for competitions. All equipment is being bought by the school including bowling shoes and bowling balls. A team logo and team colors is still yet undecided.

## CHA introduces smart boards

*Michael Ficaj*

Do you know what a smart board is? A smart board is basically a tablet made into a digital chalk board. Here at Charlton Heston Academy, we got rid of our chalk boards, upgraded to white boards, and now a few teachers have smart boards. Smart boards are about the size of one short white board, which is somewhere around 3 feet tall and 3.5 - 4 feet long. The image on the board is projected by a projector that is mounted to the top of

the board by a plastic stand. You can connect the smart board to a computer with an HDMI cord. HDMI stands for High Definition Media Input. An HDMI cord is used to make the visual definition of a screen or projection better by adding more pixels to the screen.

The few smart boards that are in the school are in Mrs. Hillman's Room and Mrs. Laporte's room. "I use it mostly for notes and showing clips online to clarify topics," Says Mrs.

Hillman. We have 2 smart boards right now. The goal of the smart boards is for the teachers to sort of collaborate on what they have planned on that day and to make the lesson plans more interactive and fun for the students. Eventually all classes will have a smart board. The school is thinking about implementing a smartboardageddon sometime after break. Watch out for the new smart boards in your room soon!

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Meet Ms. Heather Bozzo



Skye Ritchings  
This month we would like to introduce Ms. Heather Bozzo. At

C.H.A she is a Social Studies teacher. She can teach 6th- 12th. She has taught at the Academy of Warren. The favorite thing that she likes about C.H.A is she loves the students. Ms. Bozzo has a boyfriend named Mike Kasper. She has 6 sisters and 5 brothers. They don't have all the same dads and moms. She only has 1 biological sister, her name is Ann. Ms. Bozzo went to school at Bean Elementary, Western Middle School, and Western High School. She lives in Houghton Lake, MI. She LOVES glitter and sparkles, but the most thing that she loves is her two pet cats Ellie and Jingles.

School website a valuable tool



Jason Hrbcek  
The Charlton Heston Academy has a valuable amount of information to be viewed by students, teachers and parents. The site's welcome page shows the superintendent's (Dave Patterson's) message and links to the other pages. On the calendar they show the days off, holidays, etc. and the calendar can be downloaded and printed. On the employment link you can see job openings if there is any. You can view the staff pictures and contact the staff. Under the link "Our School", you can see the administration, board of directors, dress code, staff, school activities, etc. At the bottom of the page you can view the money budget of the school and school data. The website gives vital information to parents and teachers about upcoming events, school data, and staff.

School spirit shines with entry rugs

Kaylee Bryzelak  
Charlton Heston Academy is no stranger to school spirit. The new rugs in front of the entrance of Charlton Heston Academy are red, white, and blue with the CHA symbol the patriot. Mr.Patterson bought the rugs so it could keep it clean and all the salt off the carpet. Also to keep the slippery floor dry. The new rugs were \$500 per rug. He bought 8 rugs total. It shows school spirit and the logo for the school. The rugs were from Consolidated Plastic, the rugs try to cover the floor space. The size of the carpets are 9ft and 10 inch then 3 foot by 31 inches. There is two different kinds, two to hold water right when you get in the door entrance to the halls then the other ones to get stuff off before it goes on the carpet to the class rooms. A lot of family members like the new rugs in CHA.



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Competitive Cheer returns to CHA



Danielle Marshall, Alyson Ambler, and Karlee Green with the petition they started to get cheer back

Jacob Beardsley  
In a past issue, I wrote about the old Cheer & Dance team being cancelled, and the team members' reactions to it. Eventually, they brought a new gym-

nastics team and coach to CHA. Some of the team members were not satisfied, however. They still wanted more. Danielle Marshall and a group of past team members

banded together and were able to get a new cheerleading team. There will be two new teams for CHA, one for middle school and another for the ninth grade. Becky Christensen, seventh grader Lexia Christensen's mother, will be the coach. They plan on having tryouts after Christmas Break for any new members. They plan on having cheerleading after school from 4:30-6:00. Thus far twelve students have signed up. It is great to see a happy ending to a story, and this is one happy ending to this story

Meet the new cheerleading coach



Danielle Marshall  
Recently I talked with Heather Dean Charlton Heston Academy's new cheerleading coach. So I asked her some questions... I asked her if she is looking forward to being the cheerleading coach. Heather answered "I'm so excited! CHA deserves to have extracurricular activities that any other school has. I look forward to bringing

cheerleading back for the students". Heather was an assistant coach for the varsity football cheerleaders at Ros-common. Another question I asked her was if she works anywhere. She said, she is not employed at this time. She says she is a fulltime mother and housewife. She enjoys being home with the family. Heather Dean loves anything to do with the outdoors such as hunting, fishing or going trail riding! She went to school at Ros-common High School. Graduated in 1996. She is engaged, getting married next year in July. She has 2 of her own children and 3 other step kids. I asked Heather where she was from and it turns out

she grew up in Ros-common, lived there practically her whole life. When I first talked to Heather I didn't know anything about her other than she was the new coach, so I had her describe herself. She told me.... "I am very energetic and fun and a very loving person. My family means the world to me. I am actively involved in my church. I chose to take the position to coach at CHA because I am very passionate about cheer-leading!" Heather was a cheerleader all through High School and was a cheerleader one year of college. Heather can't wait to meet everyone who wants to be on the cheerleading team.

CHA students qualify for college level by passing Compass Test

Michael Ficaj  
Have you heard of the Compass test? The Compass test is a test that is used to see if high school students are ready for college. The test tests the attributes of both English skills and math skills. This year, in November 14 students tested at the Kirtland Community College campus and spent a few hours preparing to see if they have what it takes to go to early college classes. Those students were Jason

Hrbcek, Michael Ficaj, Devin Adair, Kaylee Brace, Alexis Chapman, Sadie Curtis, Dan Ferguson, Carly Green, Blake Hance, Jordan Ludwig, Morgan Ludwig, Brandon Perryman, and Morgan Simmons. Four of the fourteen students are already confirmed to get a passing grade in the test. Six of the students who tested are going to be retested because of a score that is literally just a point or two below what qualifies to get the

college classes. When asked about what her opinion was on the Compass test, middle school ELA teacher Mrs. Johnson responded with, "I think it's a really good opportunity for 8th and 9th grade students to get some practice on their college degrees." The six people who will retest will retest sometime after the break of Christmas. The Compass test is truly unforgiving.





*Jacob Beardsley*  
This month, a new student has come to join our CHA family! His name is Brendan

Green he’s in sixth grade and he is eleven years old. He use to go to Rose City Middle School and hails from Rose City, too. His favorite color is blue and enjoys reading the book Eragon by Christopher Paolini, which is his favorite book. His favorite kind of music is rap and his favorite song is “I’m Not Afraid” by Eminem. His favorite food is Chicken Alf-

do. When Brendan grows up he wants to teach basketball. If he could do anything in the whole world, he would ride a dirt bike. Why, you may ask? He says it is because he never has and he thinks it might be fun. Brendan seems like a pretty interesting person, and we should all try to make our new friend feel welcome.



*Alyssa Taylor*  
For the paper we decided to do a story on substitutes (subs). The sub I talked to was John Deisler. Mr. Deisler says, “The students require different care.” He also says, “It’s all about the kids.” He says for the most part the kids are respectful. He says at every school there are some people that call him Einstein. Mr. Deisler has been teaching for 5 years. I have had Mr. Deisler and he is a great sub.

## Ms. Marti keeping us fed



*Patrick Fink*  
In the lunch room Ms. Marti orders our lunch menus from a company Preferred foods. On every Tuesday she goes on the computer and orders the food that we eat for the week. And she puts most of the food in the walking freezer or on the shelves. For breakfast she looks at the menu and got gets the cold juices and milks, then puts them in all of the crates and grabs whatever else she needs form the menu. For lunch she warms up our food in the oven and grabs the milk from the milk freezer, then puts it in the metal box that we get it for lunch. Finally for snake she puts the big juice cans in the basket and whatever else the menu tell her.

## January Birthdays at CHA

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| 1 Aden Scott       | 13 James Marshall | 26 Hannah Patnode    |
| 1 Austin Klienert  | 14 Nevaeh Modeen  | 27 Ms. Perryman      |
| 1 Trevor Ryan      | 16 Lashanda Berry | 27 Madisyn Schwemle  |
| 3 Mr. Church       | 17 Brice Backus   | 28 Brandon Austin    |
| 3 Ryan Marshall    | 17 Joshua Svacha  | 28 Skylar Richards   |
| 6 Tabitha Tasker   | 18 Dylan Gregory  | 28 Jeremy Smith      |
| 8 Tiffany Le       | 19 Natasha Meir   | 29 Cyrus Schultz     |
| 11 Ms. Benson      | 21 Hailey Franks  | <i>Compiled by</i>   |
| 11 Abigail Kitchen | 21 Hunter Franks  | <i>Alyssa Taylor</i> |
| 11 Devyn Austin    | 23 Jason Graham   |                      |
| 12 Slayler Bussa   | 25 Keadyn Curns   |                      |

## Christmas spirit shines at CHA

*Ryan Marshall*  
The Girl Scouts Ka-leena Graham, Angel Brethauer, Makayla Graham, Michaela Richardson, Emily Richerson, Felicity Soares-Chabot, all helped in decorating the C.H.A. The adults

(PTO) that helped were Jennifer Austin, Koleen Hurren, Jen Jarose, Marge Williams, Allen Lahar, Sharan Graham, and April Hance. The PTO spent \$60 dollars of their own money on decorations at St. Vin-

cent DePaul and the rest of the decorations came from generous donations. Decoration took about two hours, and accrued after school. Everyone that decorated said that they did it to show Christmas Spirit.



## In the office with Ms. Romancky



*Kaylee Bryzelak*  
Meet Jessica Romancky the office lady at Charlton Heston

Academy in St. Helen. Ms. Romancky came to Charlton Heston Academy to be a school teacher so while she’s at school she’s working at Charlton Heston Academy. Ms. Romancky worked at COOR before C.H.A. Ms. Romancky has a son who is in kindergarten. Ms. Romancky is not married, she lives in St. Helen. She went to

school in Roscommon. She likes working at C.H.A. She has a dog his name is Bow. When she is not working she likes spending time with her son. Her favorite subject in school is history class because, she was good at it. In the office she files papers, takes temperatures, she takes phone calls, and she gives medicine.

## What is your New Year Resolution?

- Johnny Le (3rd) “Jump off the Grand Canyon”  
Marshal Damsen (6th) “To hang out with family more”  
Trevor Ryan (8th) “To get a new ATV”  
Alexis Emerick (7th) “Make my parents clean the house instead of me”  
Randy Hendges (8th) “Quit drinking so much pop”  
Ms. Hillman (teacher) “To make more home cooked meals”  
Margaret Ficaj (teacher) “To travel a little more”  
Kristina Fitch (staff) “Start eating healthier”  
Luke Richards (7th) "Hang out with family more”

*Compiled by Braxton Green*

## What is your favorite sport?

- Mr. Flip- Hockey  
Mrs. Janusch- Softball  
Miss Hillman- Tennis  
Tabitha Tasker 8th- Softball  
Kelsey Finley 8th– Cheer  
Audrey Soares 5th- Soccer  
Damyen Tredau 5th- Soccer  
Kate Murray 4th- Volleyball

- Johnny Le 3rd- Football  
Tyler Majeske-Petras 8th- Football  
Patrick Fink 8th- Basketball  
Faith Kimball 8th- Basketball  
Miranda Damsen 3rd- Basketball  
Skye Ritchings 6th- Cheer  
Alex Orr 7th-Football

*Compiled by Alyssa Taylor*

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# Door decorating contest winners announced

*Jacob Beardsley*  
This December, CHA held a door decorating contest. Every class chose a popular Christmas song and decorated the door accordingly. The judging was based off of

color groups, (Blue K-2, Red 3-5, and White 6-8). For a month, the students all worked together, cutting paper, pasting pictures, and wearing out crayons trying to make the best design for their class's

door. Everyone's artistic side came out, all leading to the judging on December 16th. For the whole day the judges went around and looked over the doors. On December 17th, the results were

revealed. The winning class for the red shirts was Ms. Jansuch's class, for the white shirts was Ms. Hillman, and the blue shirt winners were Mrs. VanGorden's class.



# Random Funny Face Contest

*Photos by Jacob Beardsley*



My choice for funniest staff member is Letter \_\_\_\_\_

My choice for funniest student is Number \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Drop ballot at Ms. Johnson's room before February 1st.

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