



# The Patriot Times

*Brought to you by the students of Charlton Heston Academy*

**NO SCHOOL—November 26-28, 2014 Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Preschool relocates to new building

*Luke Richards*  
As you probably would know, CHA is packed with a bunch of classes and no room for the Preschool. Well, it is actually here in St. Helen by

the Rite-Aid. A lot of students go there in the morning to help out with them before breakfast. I hear that preschoolers love it there and have a fun time. But we will have

more grades here in CHA later in the future, so the school is going to be really packed as the new grades come.



## Scrap Metal drive on hold until April



*Danielle Marshall*  
Tony and Lois Hoffman started the fundraiser last summer. They wanted to give it a catchy name, so they named it “CHA Scrappers”. What it’s all about it they gather all the scrap metal donations that people give. They drive to West Branch and give them to “Rifkin Scrap Metal”. Once a month a check is written to Charlton Heston Academy.

The money is towards the new playground. Tony and Lois have been amazed by the amount of scrap metal collected since

they first started. Lois says that the friends in St. Helen and around the area have been so generous. They give a big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has donated, big or small. Both Toni and Lois enjoyed donating their time as they are proud of the academy. Lois wrote a poem for everyone: “Our “small town” people, Are really cool. They continue to donate, Metal scraps to our school. ... The money goes for a playground, that the CHA kids will

enjoy. Whether a swing or a merry-go-round, or maybe a slide.... Oh boy! ... What fun they will have, When the playground is done. And they will be thankful to everyone. ...

The many donations to this great event, will be worth all the time, and labor we’ve spent.”

As for right now the scrap metal drive is down for the winter, as they go South for the winter with the birds. The drive will be opening back up in April 2015. The scrap metal drive can be found across the street from marathon (10020 Woodlawn). They have a sign that shows the destination. So gather all you unneeded metal for April 2015.

## JV Football ends season undefeated

*Danielle Marshall*  
Charlton Heston Academy started the year off with a new junior varsity football team. The team went undefeated throughout the whole season. They went up against Fairgrove on September 17th with a score of 28 to 0. On October 8th the JV (junior varsity) went up against Fairgrove again, with the score of 26 to 24. All of the games were also

a success. October 15th was JV’s final game of the season, against Wingate. The score being 50 to 14. They sure showed how much hard work pays off. Being undefeated in their first year together is a sure big thing. I asked Mike Stockman a 7th grade JV football player how he like the season. He responded with “We gave 110%. We had

our ups and downs but we are a family, and family doesn’t quit on each other. It was a great season of football”. Tyler Lorenz told me that the season was fun and exciting to go up against other teams. Though he was not expecting to be undefeated. Everyone on the team cannot wait for next season. They hope to stay undefeated.

## Birch Pointe hosts Homecoming

*Jillian Howell*  
Charlton Heston Academy’s first homecoming was a huge success. The theme was Starry Night. There was an amazing turn out and great music. The lovely Ms. Bozzo helped along with the homecoming

committee. Our homecoming decorators put together all of the decorations and set them up on Friday. Some parents pitched in and made food, and also stayed to help out. Homecoming was held at Birch Pointe golf course in their

dinning room. The owner of the golf course, Johnny DeCarlo was more than helpful letting us hold our first homecoming at the golf course. A good time was had by all.

## Varsity football ends 1st season

*Breanna Timmons*  
The Charlton Heston Academy Varsity Football team had quite a first season. They had their losses but improved every game. Not necessarily by score but by skill. On October 3, they played well but lost 0-54 against Dryden High. The game on October 10 was definitely their roughest game. Lost 71-0 against Lawrence High and

walked off with injured players. Their game on October 17 was tough but slight improvement after the last. Lost 0-60 against Crossroads Charter. Last but not least, those boys showed great improvement Homecoming Game, over all their games. Played on Alma field against the Peck High Pirates on October 24 and left with some points on the board

and better plays. Lost 14-64 but did a fantastic job. With all being said, take a moment to acknowledge that fact that our 9th and 10th grade players were playing against juniors and seniors of various districts around Michigan. Those boys were brave and gave all they got every game. I don’t know about you but, I’m a definitely proud to be a Pats fan and student.





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## Newspaper Team visits printer

Luke Richards  
During October, CHA’s newspaper team made a visit to the printing plant and office that prints The Patriot Times in Big Rapids. Danielle Mar-

shall said “I thought it was interesting and cool to watch how they work on every-thing.” Lilly Tucker said “It was very in-formative and fun at the same time.”I

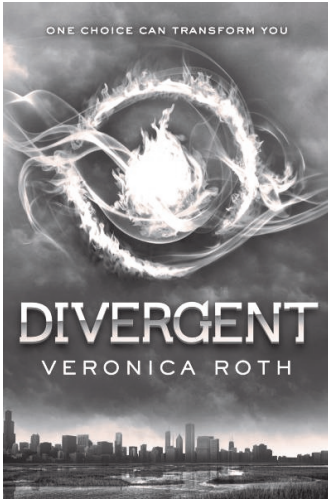
would have to say it was very loud there but it was an experi-ence. At the office was fun, we all had pizza for lunch, and there was an interesting col-lection of pottery.



Tim Chapman of Pioneer Group provides a tour of the newspaper press



## Book Review—”Divergent”



Kaylee Bryzelak  
Have you ever read the book Divergent? Di-vergent is a science fiction novel written by Veronica Roth. The book Diver-gent is set in a dystopi-an universe where so-ciety is divided into factions that each rep-resent a different vir-tue that each group values the most. The five factions are: Can-dor (the honest), Ab-negation (the selfless),

Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intel-ligent).  
When teenagers reach a certain age, they have to decide if they want to stay in the same faction they were born in for the rest of their lives or switch to another, dif-ferent faction. But be-fore they make this potentially life-altering choice, they must un-dergo extreme and intense psychological tests, that places them in the Faction where they seem to fit the most.  
Our main character, Beatrice Prior (soon known as Tris) makes a choice that shocks everyone. Tris, howev-er, has a huge secret that she needs to be quiet about. Without spoiling anything, let's just say that if anyone

found out it would mean certain death for our protagonist. Even if she wasn't killed if they found out, she would be forced to become factionless (and that is not some-thing you want to be). Being factionless forc-es you into a life you won't enjoy, a life of extreme poverty and the loneliness of not belonging to a family.  
After making her choice, Tris and her fellow faction mem-bers have to live through a highly com-petitive initiation pro-cess to live out with the choice they had made. As she discov-ers a growing conflict that threatens to unrav-el her seemingly peaceful society, her secret might save the people she loves... or it might destroy them.

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## Girl Scouts are for all grade levels

Felicity Soares  
There are a lot of things that people think of when they think of Girl Scouts. One may think of thin mints or Dosi-dose while others may think of sashes and badges, but there’s quite a bit more to the Girl Scouts.  
There are many levels of Girl Scouts depending on the age of the Scout. They begin as a Daisy, which is from kinder-garten to 2nd grade. The next level is a Brownie (3rd to 5th ) and then the Juniors go from 6th to 7th. The levels continue until the Scouts reach the level of Ambassadors.  
The Girl Scouts

have lots of fund rais-ers to earn money, which goes towards charities and Scout activities. They have nut sales, cookie sales, and magazine catalogs that people can order from. “The Girl Scouts are fun and exciting.” said one of the mem-bers. There are a lot of people who would say the same thing, and I would have to agree. The organization teaches many valuable things to its members.  
The Girl Scouts teach about a lot of things, one of them being the value of in-tegrity, honesty, and accountability. If you look at the Girl Scout Law (written below), you can see that

Scouts are trying to make a difference with the world around them. Many military groups get Christmas cards from Girl Scouts every year, and peo-ple around the world are impacted from the donations and charity work that they do.  
"I will do my best to be Honest and fair Friendly and helpful Considerate and caring Courageous and strong And responsible for what I say and do Respect myself and others Respect authority Use resources wisely And be a sister to eve-ry Girl Scout."

## 1st graders travel to Saginaw

Dryden Pierce  
Earlier this month, Mrs. Ekdom took the 1st graders on a field trip to Saginaw. They went to the Temple theater, where they saw the movie ‘Skippy John Jones’. Its about this cat that uses its imagination to be stuff it isn’t, although his

mother disapproves. They then went to the sculpture museum on the LSSU campus. I interviewed a few 1st graders to find out what their favorite sculpture is. Chloe’s favorite is the ‘Friendly frog’ sculp-ture. Abby’s favorite is ‘Cross in the woods’.

Auggy’s favorite is ‘Friendly dragon’. All the sculptures in that museum are made by Marshal Fredricks. All the first graders I talked to said they liked the field trip. We can all look forward to the field trips we will go on in the future.

## Students brand county snow plow



Each year the Ros-common County Road Commission has the local students paint snow plows. CHA is one of the three

schools that is free to brand a plow with their school spirit. Pic-tured is some of the 10th graders as they outline a Patriot over

the United States flag that they painted. Pa-triot pride will be seen on the snow covered roads this winter!

## Basketball season ready to kick off

Ryan Marshall  
CHA is rolling up with the second year of Boys basketball and the first year of girls basketball. Practice for

the boys/girls will start sometime in Novem-ber. According to Mr. Leusby, games are already scheduled. Coaches for both the

boys and girls teams are yet undecided. Both teams are already full and ready to start a great season of basket-ball.



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# A week filled with spirit

*Kaylee Brace*  
The week leading up to the Homecoming game has been a fun one. Every day has been given a theme for the students and faculty members to dress as, as shown by the following schedule: Monday: (No school, but was originally planned as Pajama Day), Tues-

day: Superhero or Celebrity Day, Wednesday: Breast Cancer Awareness Day (all Mean Girls jokes intentional), Thursday: Mismatched and Crazy Hair Day, and Friday: School Spirit Day. And nobody disappointed! Every day the halls were filled with people in costumes

and colorful outfits, and I can't wait to see what everyone'll come up with next year!

The week ended with a pep assembly which included games and activities to raise spirit for the Homecoming football game and dance.



*The CHA Cheerleaders fired up the students for Homecoming*



*Mr. C is decorated by the students during the Friday pep assembly*

# Featured Teacher - Ms. Eckdom



*Kaylee Brace*  
This weeks featured teacher is Ms. Ekdom. Ms. Ekdom is the art teacher for the entire school, and this is her very first year working at CHA. In fact, it's her first official year teaching, period!

Ms. Ekdom went to school for four

years at Michigan State University, where she also student taught for a year. Although she had known for a while that she wanted to be a teacher, she didn't know she was going to be an art teacher until high school, when she dual-enrolled at

Kirtland. After her dual-enrollment, she was encouraged by Scott Rice to continue working in the art field. It was then that she realized that she was able to combine two of the things she loved the most: art and teaching. She says that her favorite part about teaching is seeing how exited and proud the kids are of the things they create, and that it's "so cute to see their reactions" when they learn something new. When asked to describe art in one word, she originally gave the answer "fun", but quickly afterwards changed it to "splendiferous," an answer much more suited to such a creative person.

# CHA students walk to school



CHA students participated in the National Walk to School day by meeting at Rite Aid and walking to the school.

**We ♥ Charlton**  
**Heston Academy**

# Meet your 2014-15 Newspaper Team



Front: (left to right) Kaylee Bryzelak, Dryden Pierce, Lillian Tucker, Jillian Howell, Alyssa Davies, and Nicole Marshall Back: (left to right) Enrichment Coach Scott Marshall, Danielle Marshall, Ryan Marshall, Luke Richards, Felicity Soares, Breanna Timmons, and Kaylee Brace



# 1,000 Can Food Challenge



Students:  
If you collect  
1,000 cans of non-  
perishable food to  
donate to the St.  
Helen Helping  
Hands by  
December 5th the  
PTO will GIVE  
the school  
a party!

All cans and box goods can be dropped off in the front of CHA. Preschool will have a box at their building. Each week the cans will be counted, collected and charted to see how much we need.  
With attendance of over 400 that is only 3 cans per student needed!!

GOOD LUCK!!!!

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GO WINGS!!