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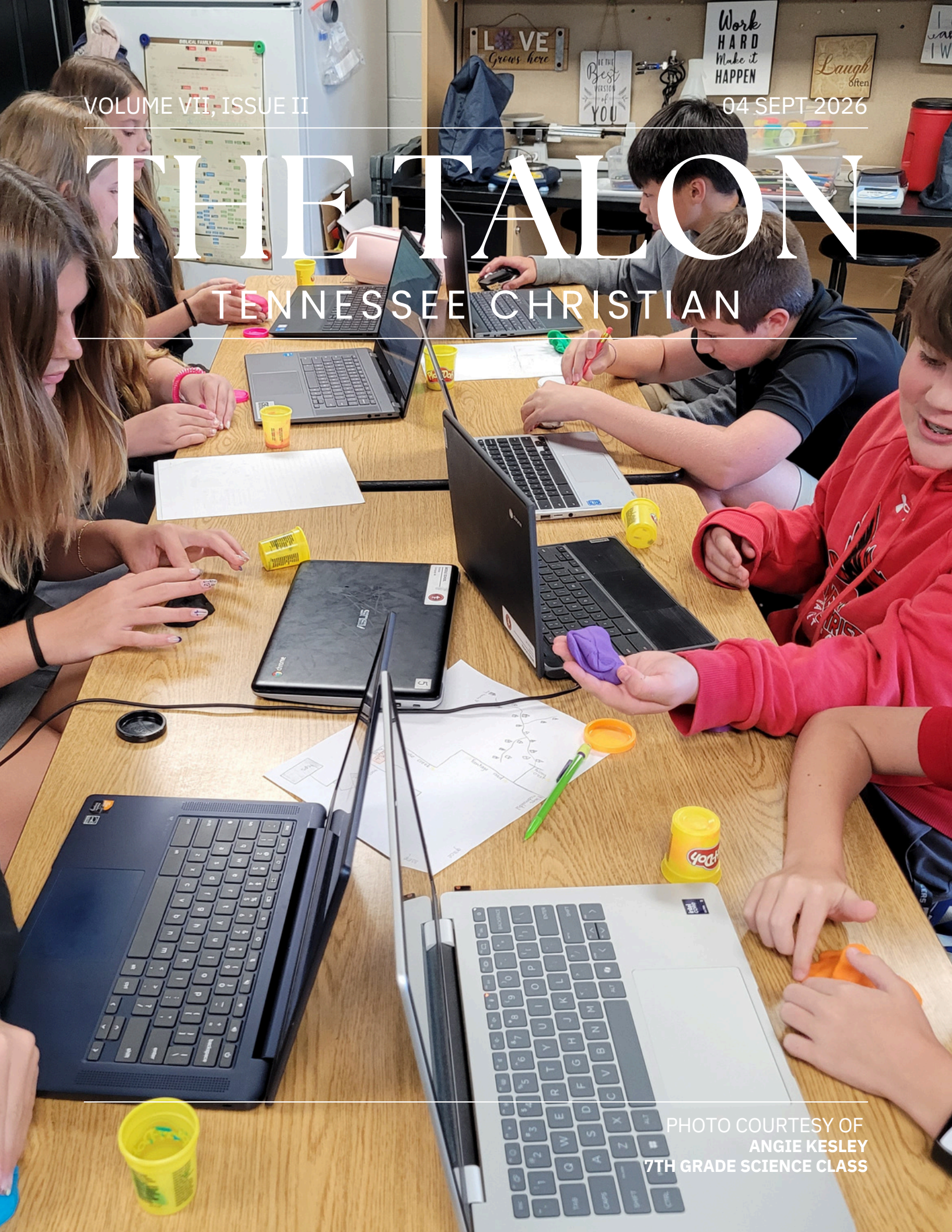


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7TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASS



FROM THE HEAD

Fifty years of marriage is more than a milestone. It is a testimony of enduring love and a community that surrounded and strengthened them along the way.

For my mom and dad, their 50th wedding anniversary was a beautiful opportunity not only to celebrate five decades of marriage, but to give thanks for the many people who have been part of their story. The day included a renewal of their vows, a meaningful reminder of the promises they made to one another fifty years ago. Some in attendance were present for both the original and the renewal vows. As they stood together once again, those promises carried with them five decades of memories.

The most meaningful moment of the celebration was when Dave and Angie shared and served communion with their children, their spouses, and their seven grandchildren. Gathered together, three generations received this gift of faith from the two wonderful people who have been the example of Christ's love. My favorite moment was during communion: my mother dropped her communion bread before taking it, and my father, without hesitation, broke his in two. This is the example that all of us are so familiar with: two parents who have dedicated their lives to being the example of Christ in all they do and sharing the Lord's table with all.

I am thankful for the community that parents purposefully built throughout their fifty years of marriage. It has been a significant example of why the church is so important. To care and love our neighbors as Christ loves us is a tall order to exemplify but one worthy of the calling. My parents, through their marriage, have done exactly that.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

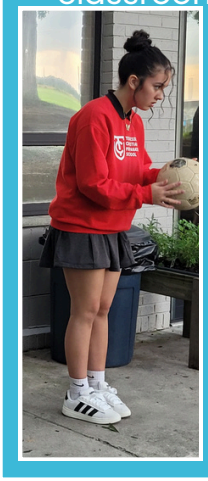
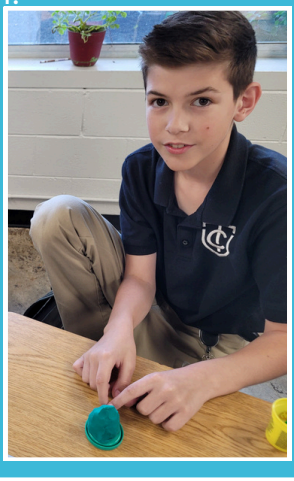
Our goals for middle school science class are to recognize God as the creator of all things, thus developing a deeper relationship with Him and to actively participate in thinking, analyzing, interpreting, and applying information. Along with work hard and having fun. And that is just what we have been doing in class these first few weeks!

The 8th graders have been learning that God created matter and everything is made of matter and has mass. They applied this information to bouncing balls in order to interpret information to determine if size or surface affect the number of bounces. For fun we also created atoms from play dough.

7th grade students studied topography and how God created different land forms. They worked on interpreting latitude and longitude on maps. We also created land forms from play dough.

6th graders studied how God created different varieties in populations. Using an activity of a bean population, they analyzed ways to determine the population size and then counted to determine the actual population. They had fun hiding camouflaged butterflies in the classroom for me to find.

I am proud of all our students and grateful for the energy they bring to the classroom!




D.E.A.R time

"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A CHILD WHO HATES TO READ; THERE ARE ONLY CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT FOUND THE RIGHT BOOK."

-FRANK SERAFINI





Here in second grade, if you happen to peek into the classroom during the afternoon, you are more than likely to catch us laid out all around the room with a book in our hand.

Picture this: cozy lighting has been set with jazz music is in the background. All you hear is the sound of pages turning, and young voices reading to themselves and their book buddies. This is what second grade sounds like 2-3 times a week, with us dedicating 15-20 minutes of independent reading at a time.

D.E.A.R. time stands for "Drop Everything And Read" . This is a dedicated time I started last year, and continued on into this year for these new second graders.

The importance of D.E.A.R time is that it helps build independent reading stamina, fluency growth, and stronger reading comprehension. Most importantly, the act of choice and a calm environment helps make reading fun for these young learners!



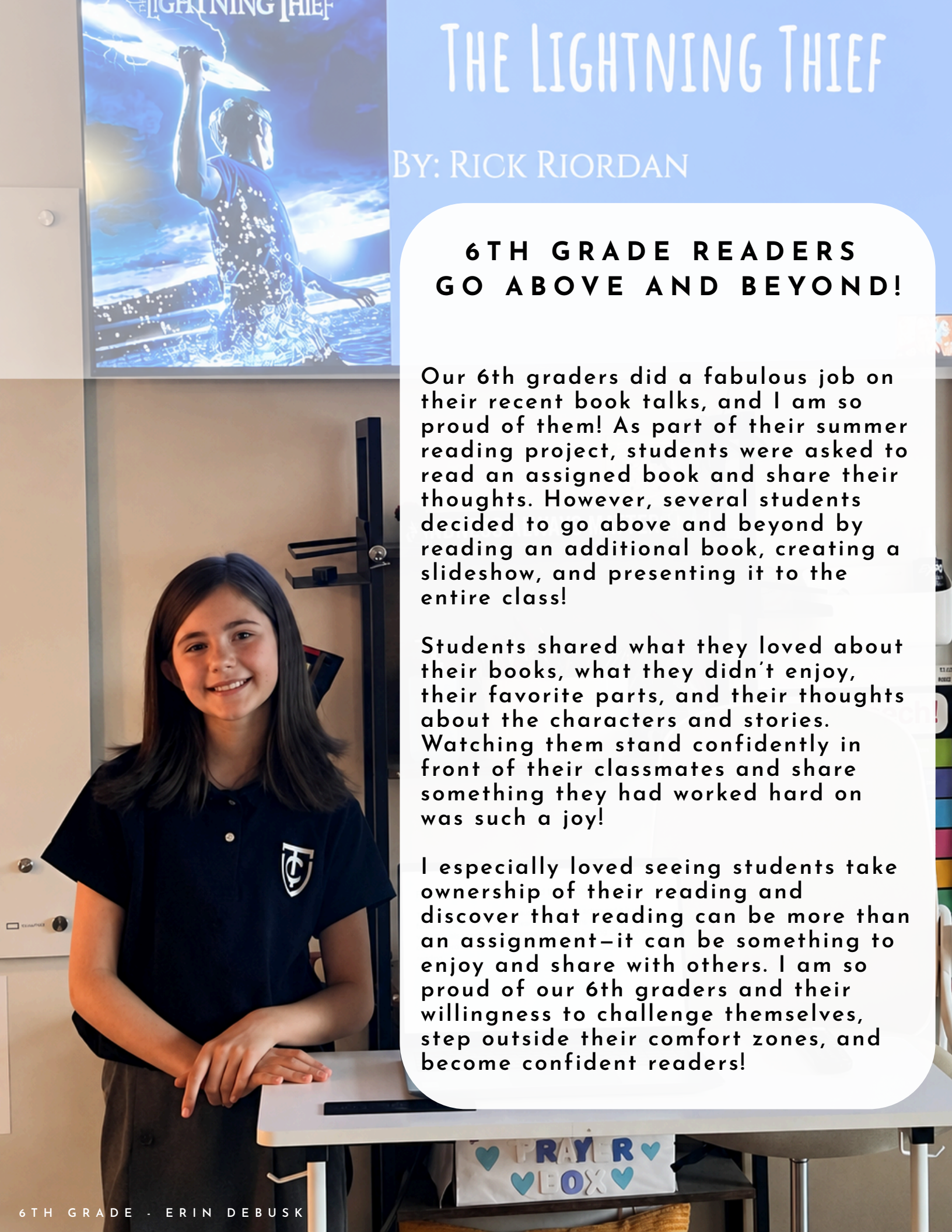
Once a month, we have the opportunity to visit the Bradley County Library Bookmobile, and check out two books each.

The bookmobile has books of every subject and reading level, so every student leaves the bookmobile happy and full of excitement to read their new books!

We introduce D.E.A.R time with our classroom library on the first full day of school, and do it every week to help build up that love for reading and our reading stamina!

What a blessing it is to see young minds grow a love for reading and watch them build up their literacy skills!





6TH GRADE READERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Our 6th graders did a fabulous job on their recent book talks, and I am so proud of them! As part of their summer reading project, students were asked to read an assigned book and share their thoughts. However, several students decided to go above and beyond by reading an additional book, creating a slideshow, and presenting it to the entire class!

Students shared what they loved about their books, what they didn't enjoy, their favorite parts, and their thoughts about the characters and stories. Watching them stand confidently in front of their classmates and share something they had worked hard on was such a joy!

I especially loved seeing students take ownership of their reading and discover that reading can be more than an assignment—it can be something to enjoy and share with others. I am so proud of our 6th graders and their willingness to challenge themselves, step outside their comfort zones, and become confident readers!

6TH GRADE - ERIN DEBUSK

TINY HAWKS

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT." -PROVERBS 22:6

Welcome to Mrs. Sharon's toddler class! The Baby Hawks have left their nest and landed in my classroom. They are currently learning how to make new friends, how to show kindness towards others, how to share, and the rules of the classroom.

Some of our favorite things to do so far are reading our books and singing our praise songs. I can see talent in these children as they want to utilize the pretend microphones and the guitar to accompany the songs.

Our favorite playtime activities include baking sweet treats in our classroom and building blocks. Our favorite words are mommy, hungry, and outside. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and learn.

These Baby Hawks will be flying into a classroom near you sooner than you think to steal your hearts!







Athletics
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Cross Country
Several Hawk runners have already set new personal records, highlighting the team's hard work and dedication. In the Lower School girls' race, Zoey and Daisy both earned top-10 finishes. Millie Canfield and Julieth Fowler also impressed, finishing fourth and fifth while each setting a new PR. In the middle school boys' race, Kai finished 16th with a new PR, and Henry and Greyson also earned strong finishes. With so many athletes making progress, the Hawks are building exciting momentum as the season continues.



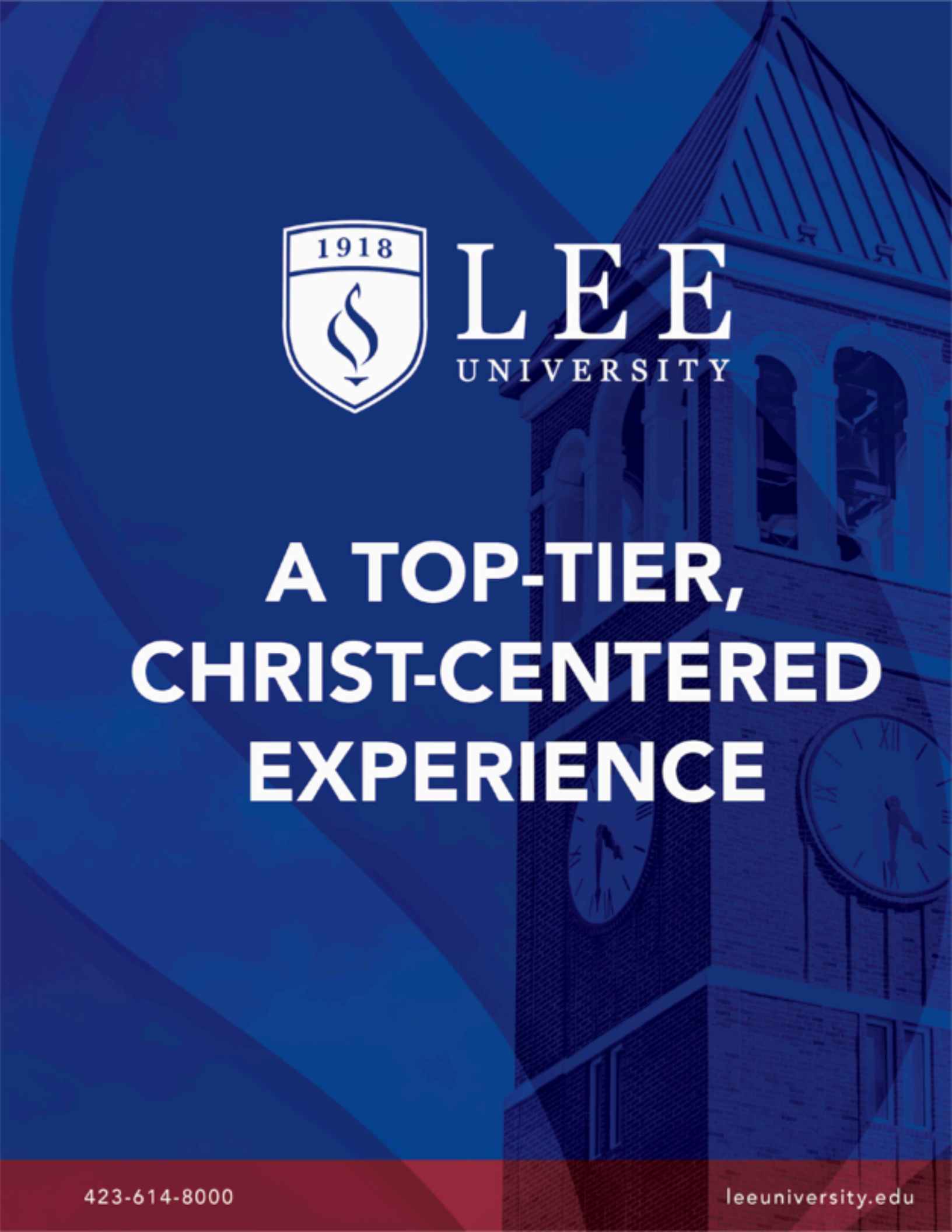
Golf
The Tennessee Christian Hawks golf team has gotten off to a strong start this season. The Hawks opened the season with a commanding 191-222 victory over Berean, led by Thomas with a first-place finish, Boston in second, and Graham tying for third.

Against Greenback, the Hawks earned another impressive victory by approximately 17 strokes. With strong individual performances and steady team play, the Hawks are off to a promising start.

Volleyball
The Tennessee Christian Lady Hawks volleyball team has competed at a high level throughout the season, dominating opponents while continuing to build momentum. The Hawks have put together several impressive victories, with their only setback coming in a close match against Berean. Leading the way are seniors Maggie, Frannie, Reagan, Isabelle, and Amelia, whose experience and leadership have helped guide the team on and off the court. The Lady Hawks are determined to continue their strong play and make this season one to remember.

Tennis
The Middle School Tennis team has begun its season against tough competition and is settling into conference play. Most recently, Mason Phillips won his singles match against Chattanooga Christian. A young team is developing talent and improving match upon match.

Flag Football
After making their debut last season, the Tennessee Christian Hawks flag football team is back and ready to build on where they left off. With a year of experience under their belts, the Hawks are excited to continue developing and improving throughout the season.
The team recently faced a tough challenge against last season's title holders, falling in a close game. Despite the loss, the Hawks showed their competitiveness and determination. With plenty of season still ahead, the team is eager to keep improving, competing, and making its mark.


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