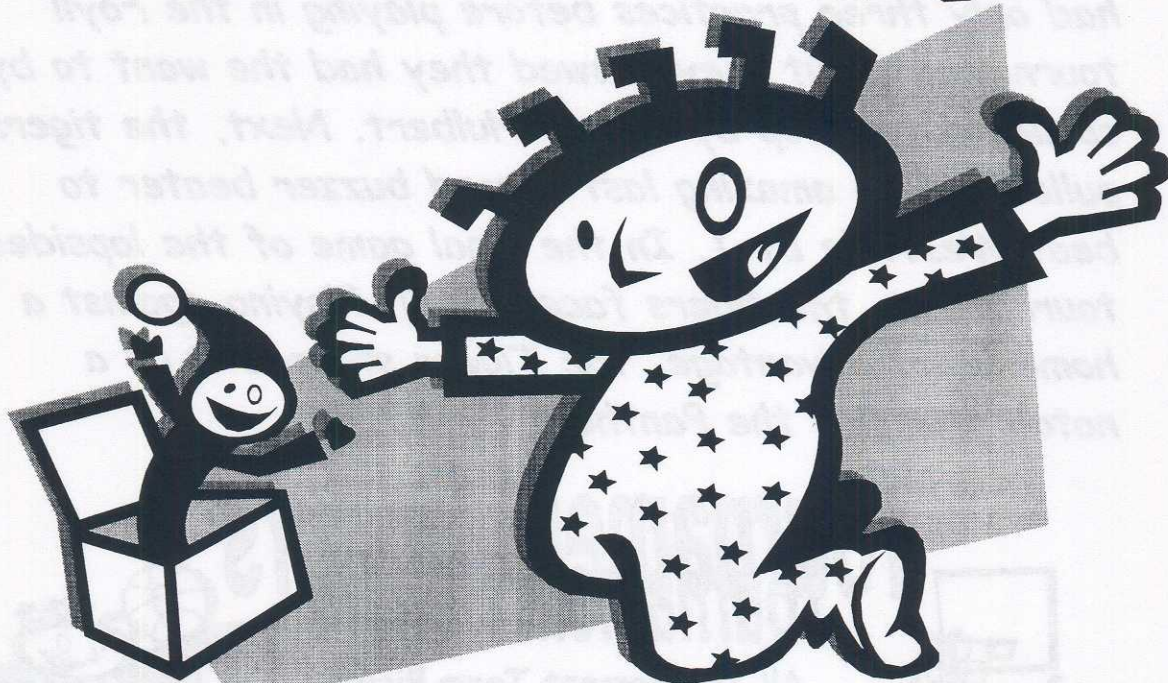


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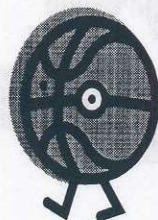
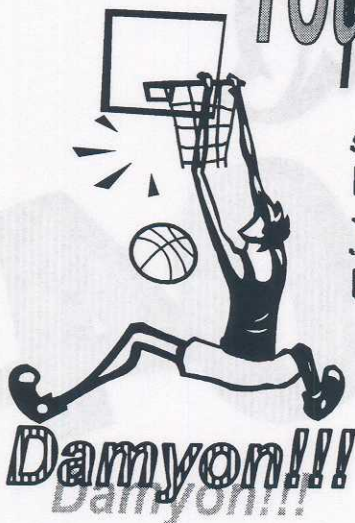
TiGeR B-BALL!!!

Congratulations!!!

To the boys basketball team for their 1st place victory in the Foyil basketball tournament! The tigers had only three practices before playing in the Foyil tournament, but they showed they had the want to by coming out on top by 9 over Hulbert. Next, the tigers pulled off an amazing last second buzzer beater to beat Westville by 1. In the final game of the lopsided tournament, the tigers faced Foyil. Playing against a home court advantage, the Tigers stepped it up a notch stomping the Panthers 79-53.

Tournament Honors

All Tournament Team Picks:
Klint Reading & Logan Cawyer
Tournament MVP:
Damyon Dooley



THANK YOU LETTER FROM SOLDIER in IRAQ

December 6, 2004

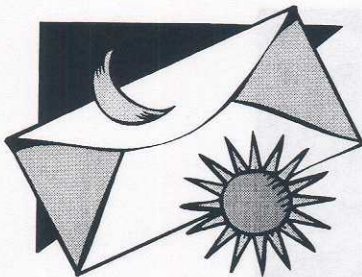
Mrs. McLain

Hello how are you? My name is Jeff LaMarche and I'm in Ronnie Childers's squad over here in Iraq. He shared the package that you sent him with the squad so I decided to write you and thank you for thinking of us over here. Knowing that people care for us back home is a big motivation/morale lifter. It makes our job so much easier knowing that people care. I'm not sure if you were the only one who got the package ready or if your classes helped, but for all of those who helped I want to thank you and let you know that it was greatly appreciated.

P.S. if you would like to write back or if any of your students would my address is:

Lcpl Jeff LaMarche
2/10 Lima Btry 2nd plt
Unit 73385
FPOAE 09509-3385

Thanks again,
Jeff LaMarche



The American Flag

Courage, Red
Purity, White
Strength in unity, Blue
What do they mean to you?

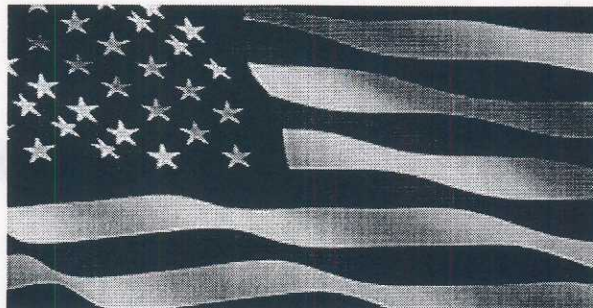
Courage is when people fight for our country,
Even when they don't want to.
When they stand up for what is right,
Even when they know the consequences.

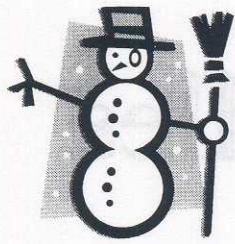
Purity is doing what God wants.
Even when it hurts.
Following exactly what God says,
Not a tradition or a routine.

Strength in unity happens
When Americans join to become one.
United we stand
Divided we fall is our motto.

*This is what I believe
The flag stands for.
It's what I believe is true.
So what does it mean to you?*

By-Tyler Thulin





What do you want for Christmas??

Jarod T.—dirt bike

Mr. Wilson—Nick to pass his class

Nick—to pass Mr. Wilson's class

Jennifer C.—a cowboy

Keesha H.—a dirt bag

Josh B.—hunting stuff

Brandi H.—A boyfriend who is very nice,
likes to have fun, is funny, & will
treat me good. If you qualify
please contact any of her
friends.

Brandi T.—A marriage proposal from
James & for Brandi H. to find a
boyfriend

Trent C.—truck, clean underwear, and a
new knee

Written by—Jessica Bauer

Christmas Riddles

What do elves learn in school?

[the Elf-abet]

Did you hear that one of Santa's reindeer now works for Proctor and Gambel?

[it's true, Comet cleans sinks]

What nationality is Santa Clause?

[North Polish]

What do you call a cat on the beach for Christmas?

[Sandy Claws]

Why did Santa spell Christmas N-O-E-L?

[Because the angel has said, "No L"]

Who is never hungry on Christmas?

[The turkey, he is always stuffed]

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

[Claustrophobic]

One Christmas I got a battery with a note saying,
"Toy not included"

The 3 stages to a man!

1) He believes in Santa Claus

2) He doesn't believe in Santa Claus

3) He is Santa Claus

What's the best thing to put into Christmas cake?

[Your teeth]

What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus

[Crisp Cringle]

Submitted by-Kyrie

December Birthdays

Freshmen:

<i>Omar Gutierrez</i>	<i>12/04/88</i>
<i>Derrick Harper</i>	<i>12/05/89</i>
<i>Matthew Morrison</i>	<i>12/10/88</i>
<i>Tiffany Webb</i>	<i>12/15/88</i>
<i>Mikey Weldon</i>	<i>12/31/89</i>

Sophomores:

<i>Katie Knight</i>	<i>12/27/88</i>
<i>Kyle Long</i>	<i>12/14/87</i>
<i>Michelle Tunks</i>	<i>12/24/88</i>
<i>Nathan Webb</i>	<i>12/02/87</i>

Juniors:

<i>Tony Blazer</i>	<i>12/02/86</i>
<i>Shayla Graham</i>	<i>12/01/87</i>
<i>LaToya Hart</i>	<i>12/25/86</i>
<i>Samantha Sala</i>	<i>12/24/86</i>

Seniors:

<i>Sherri Wells</i>	<i>12/02/86</i>
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January Birthdays

Freshmen:

Steven Deshazer 1/11/89

Sophomores:

Ashleigh Morton 1/15/89

Farewell to a Legend

To my loyal fans,

It's been a long run for me here at Commerce High... maybe too long. I know many of you were anticipating me going to school with your grandchildren, but I must finally take my leave.

In a few months I'll be off to boot camp for the Marines. If any of you would like to give your favorite senior a call, I'm sure you can find my number somewhere in the Tiger Chat.

Faculty,

You do not have to worry about me out-ranking you by default due to my amount of years. Be cool kids, and stay in school.

Semper Fi,
Chris Ahrens



The cats who saved Christmas

Submitted by: Kari Stripling

T'was the night before Christmas, I just couldn't sleep.
With Keith's loud snorting to my office I did creep.
I spied my computer, I'll go boot-up that....
I'll take me online for some Christmas eve chat.

When out in the hall there arose such a racket,
Keith leapt from his bed, pulling on pant and jacket.
When, peeking through blinds, our eyes did behold,
But a weird kind of sleigh, and some guy who looked old.

It was Santa in our yard and his face glowed of rage
Stuffing all reindeer into our GIANT CAT CAGE...
So outside we ran, tried not to wake neighbor
When Santa exclaimed, "Hey Keith, I need a favor!"

The reindeer said neigh, they won't pull this big sleigh..
...can I borrow your cats to save Christmas Day?

So we let Santa borrow our four cats to fly,
"Just be careful with Rocko, or he'll scratch out your eye."

Our pets were not shy and to Santa they came,
As he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

Now, GO GO! Now, Spot! No fighting in the sky.
On, Peanut! On, Rocko! It's time to go fly:
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
With felines in flight, they passed over the mall!

Then we heard him exclaim as he dwindled from sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

Miss Merry Christmas

by: Jessica Wisdom

Christmas is almost here, which means it was time to vote on Miss Merry Christmas. Everyone has voted, and this year's Miss Merry Christmas is Kari Bunch. The members of her court are:

Keri Wells

Jessica Wisdom

Jacque Wilson

Sarah Riley

Seniors: If you have not turned in your senior surveys please get those in as soon as possible.

Name: Kari Stripling
 Birthday: 7-2-86
 Best Friends: Amber, Jessica, Tahnee, Angel, Lena, Jessica M, Samantha
 People: everyone above
 Color(s): blue and orange
 Saying: That's good, that's despicable
 Song: Freek-a-leek
 Singer/Band: Petey Pablo
 Show/Movie: Fear factor/ Roseanne
 Actor/Actress: Sandra Bullock, Julia Roberts
 Hangout: Samantha's house and Wal-Mart
 Sport: none
 Place To Shop: mall
 Class: English/ Band
 Teacher: Ms. B
 Restaurant/ Fast Food: Olive Garden, McDonald's
 Food: Pizza
 Ice Cream: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
 Carnival Ride: Ninja and Batman (six flags in St. Louis)
 Loudest Friend: Amber
 Best Memory: Going to Orlando, Florida
 Worst Memory: Riding with Jessica
 Wisdom
 Most Embarrassing Moment: When me and Melissa got pulled over by Gary Graham
 First Kiss: I'm not telling
 Pet Peeves: liars, and people that think they're better than everyone else.
 Who do you admire most: My mom
 What advice do you leave the underclassmen: Have fun!!!!!!!

Name: Skyler James Austin
 Birthday: 4-28-87
 Best Friends: Angel, Salvador, Zeb, Chad, Tahnee, Carlisha, Josh Fanning, Lena, and Jacque
 People: Angel, Carlisha, Zeb, Salvador, and Jacque
 Color(s): blue and black
 Saying: Get'er done
 Song: Slow motion by Juvenile
 Singer/Band: Tim McGraw/ CHS Band
 Show/Movie: Fresh Prince/ Shangai Knights and Noon
 Actor/Actress: Owen Wilson/ Lucy Liu
 Hangout: Angel's house
 Sport: Band
 Place To Shop: Wal-Mart
 Class: Band
 Teacher: Dunn
 Restaurant/ Fast Food: Golden Gate
 Food: Chinese
 Ice Cream: Chocolate Almond
 Carnival Ride: Blast
 Loudest Friend: Manuel
 Best Memory: Going out with Angel Riggs
 Worst Memory: The death of both of my grandpas.
 Most Embarrassing Moment: Running into a tree.
 First Kiss: Angel Riggs
 Pet Peeves: People that act better than everyone else.
 Who do you admire most: My mom, Angel, and Angel's mom
 What advice do you leave the underclassmen: Never think you're better than everyone else.

SENIOR SURVEYS

Ask Big P

Dear Big P,

This year in the cafeteria country music has been playing. I love music but honestly that genre makes me sick to my stomach. I've talked to the teachers about playing it over other genres and their responses have been "Country doesn't talk about sex, or drinking or drugs." I beg to differ. Almost every country song I have heard has talked about drinking their problems away, which is no worse than rappers talking about Cristal. I think they are justifying country's bad lyrics based on the fact that most staff likes the music. I feel this is wrong, and they should be open to all genres of music, rather than just one. Also, the volume has been a little crazy. Sometimes they have it turned up so loud it's hard to hear the person sitting across from you. So with all this said, I'd appreciate it if you would use your senior authority to try to do something, that is, if you feel the same.

Thanks a million,
Disgusted Sophomore

Disgusted Sophomore,

I do understand your concern. I am forced to regretfully inform you that regardless of my grade, I cannot influence matters that involve the administration. I also know that it would not seem that the music played in cafeteria would be a very big topic, but it surprisingly is. The only thing I could suggest to you would be to let your wish for a change be known to the proper people(if you do not know who this is then come ask me). I'm sorry I couldn't be of more help.

SENIOR SURVEYS

Big P,

I know how to spell! Just not everything. I bet you don't know how to spell some things! But that's not what this is about! How come hardly no one ever write abot the band besides Josh which is sad because he only wrote about 3 sentences about the BAND!! And he is a Drummajor!

Love Always,
Concerned Musician

p.s. then come and congradgulate all the Band Members then!

Dear Concerned Musician,

I see that your quest to find a life has left you empty-handed, so you have decided to grace me with your brilliance once more. First, I would like to ask you if you have ever congratulated ANY of the football players, and if not, would the mistreatment you talk of towards the band not be also given from you to the football players? Also, if you had ever heard myself or any other football players for that matter say a single unkind word about the band I would understand why you seem to dislike us so much. I am once again going to recommend that you seek the services of either Mrs. Rhodes or Ms. B. so that you might be able to write in next time with some kind of grammar. Although, if it is really that important to you, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the members of not only the Band but the Color Guard on how well your performances have been this year and the improvement of their performance just in the time I have been at this school. Mr. Dunn is an excellent teacher and director, and, on behalf of the football team, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support at all of the games.

Dear Big P,

I would like to express this to the concerned musician: I know that you have freedom of speech and that you can use it. However, freaking out on Big P is wrong, and this is the kind of stuff that brings tension among the band members and football players. Thinking that they don't care is wrong. You are not open-minded or smart enough to ask

someone's opinion and you just assume that they don't care, which causes problems. The football players had a great season this year. Also, many of them told me that they couldn't have done it without the support of the band, cheerleaders, and the fans. So please think twice before you try to blame Big P for your insecurities again.

Sincerely,
Satisfied Member

Satisfied Member,

Thanks..... That's all I have to say about that.

Hey Chris,

How's it goin? Good here I guess! See I have a problem! While me and my boyfriend was goin out I held another boys hand cuz I was mad at him. Now my mom needs help w/ her bills so she decided to move that guy in our house as a roommate. So I told my boyfriend and he's having second thoughts about our relationship. I don't know what to do! Should he trust me! Or not??

Love Always,
His Baby Girl

p.s. I love him so so much and more

His Baby Girl?

First of all, YOU should be the one to prove that he should trust you. In your letter to me you wrote that you "was goin out." Does this mean that this relationship is no more? If you guys aren't together anymore then you really shouldn't worry what he thinks if there's another guy moving into town. If you still want to be 'his baby girl' then you need to keep yourself under control and stay off this other guy. If you want this other guy then you need to tell your boyfriend that you guys are through.

-Chris

Big P,

I have this friend who won't leave me alone about tagging her car. She wants me to tag it because she has never had her car tagged and she wants to look "cool" like that. What do you think I should do about this ever occurring problem?

From the Non-tagger

Non-tagger,

I think you have a real annoying problem on your hands. Tell her that if she wants to look cool then she needs to get some parachute pants and a large stopwatch around her neck. Threaten to tag her car with bricks if she doesn't leave you alone and that she needs to shut up or get another friend. Don't forget the parachute pants - they've been keeping friendships alive since '85.

- Big P and Chris

Big P,

I know that Chris Ahrens is leaving soon, but I can't work up the guts to ask him his phone number. Seeing as how you work with him on the Tiger Chat, do you think you could help me out with how to get in touch with him?

Chris Lover

Dear Chris Lover,

Indeed, Chris is leaving soon so if you have any personal questions you may ask me or simply call 675-4854. You should not be so shy. If you want to talk to Chris, just talk to him.

Big P,

I need some help. I just moved in with my boyfriend the first of November. I'm not having the best of time like he said. I want to move out, back in with my mom, but I'm afraid that he might break up with

me or do something bad to me. What do you think I should do, move in with my mom or stay with him and be happy?

Unhappy and Lost

Unhappy and Lost,

If you're afraid of your boyfriend, you don't need to be with him. There's no sense in staying with him just because you're afraid of him. Just do what you feel you need to do. If he doesn't like it, he'll have to get over it.