



October 2016 Tiger Chat

November 1– FCCLA district meeting in Pryor

November 2– Upward Bound interviews starting at 8:20

November 4– Football @ Adair (7:00)

November 10– Picture Retakes, Club Pictures (10:00)

November 11– Veteran’s Day Assembly (10:00)

November 12– FCCLA, Silver Dollar City

November 14– Josten’s (8:00)

November 15– ASVAB (1st-3rd hours)

November 23-27– Thanksgiving Break

November 24 Thanksgiving

Commerce High School



Who's a better catcher, Kiante or Chase?



Blake– “Bryce, who is a better catcher Kiante or Chase?”

Bryce- “Kiante’s pop up time is .75 seconds faster than Chases and he’s got a can-on on him, so no one can steal on him. So you tell me who's better, brother.”

“I also spoke to Kiante’s cousin, and she says he’s the best catcher I’ve seen around here in a long time.”

“I guess we will see when baseball season gets here.”

-Fellow Brother Blake Kelly

Student Highlights



SENIOR SURVEYS

Name: Carlos Pinales

Do you have any hobbies?

I workout sometimes and sleep.

What's your favorite sport(s)?

Basketball and Baseball

What are your future plans?

Make money and get ladies.

Where did you grow up?

Commerce, OK

What do you do in your spare time?

Sleep

Describe a typical school day.

Prison

Are you looking forward to being an adult?

I already am one.

Has senioritis kicked in yet?

It kicked in like two years ago.

Name: Xena Canales

Do you have any hobbies?

Being on my phone, coloring, riding my bike, and singing.

What's your favorite sport(s)?

Soccer

What are your future plans?

Go to NEO for my basics and think about where I want to attend later on in the year.

Where did you grow up?

Miami, OK

What do you do in your spare time?

Sleep, sleep, and more sleep.

Describe a typical school day.

Go to classes, talk to friends, study, and do work.

Are you looking forward to being an adult?

Heck no! I don't even want to grow up. I am not ready for the real world.

Has senioritis kicked in yet?

YES!!!!



Lady Tigers Basketball



Basketball has started for the CHS Lady Tigers. We are hoping for a good year and a winning season. The Lady Tigers practice after school almost everyday and are working on getting better. This year we have a total of eleven girls on the team. The seniors this year are Gracie Bundy, Reghan Trease, Olivia Acosta, and Tori Schnakenberg. The juniors are Morgan Ballard and Josalynn Barr. We have no sophomores,

and the freshmen are Morgan Connell, River Friel, Miriam Nino, Karla Negrete, and Sunny Crawford. Last year was a good year for us as teammates, as far as working together for a common goal, even though we ended the season with only six girls. We hope to continue to work together and become the team we strive to be for our 2016-2017 basketball season.



by: Morgan Ballard





HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween, also known as All Hallows Eve, can be traced back about 2000 years ago to a pre-Christian Celtic festival held around November 1st called Samhain which means “summers end” in Gaelic. There was a belief that it was a day when spirits of the dead would cross over into the other world. According to the ancient sagas, Samhain was the time when tribal peoples paid tribute to their conquerors and when the Sidh (ancient mounds) might reveal the magnificent palaces of the gods of the underworld.

Though a direct connection between Halloween and Samhain has never been proven, many believe All Saints Day and Samhain are so close together on the calendar that they influenced each other and later combined into the celebration now called Halloween. The tradition of dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating may go back to the practice of “mumming” and “guising”, in which people would disguise themselves and go door-to-door, asking for food. early costumes were usually disguises often woven out of straw. Trick-or-treating didn’t start until World-War II, but American kids were known to go out on Thanksgiving and ask for food.

-Noah Ballard



Source: www.livescience.com



Caney Valley

On October 7th, the Commerce Tigers hosted the Caney Valley Trojans . The outcome was in the Tigers' favor when the score at the end of the games was 68-8. Chandler Wilson had ten rushing carries for a total of 177 yards in those ten carries with six touchdowns. Chandler broke the record for most rushing touchdowns in a game. Hayden Moss also broke a record of most PATs made in a game with a total of eight. The Tigers had a 54 point lead at halftime. By the end of the game, the Tigers scored another fourteen points, and the Trojans scored 8. Overall, the Tigers had a great game and played well to get the victory.

- Josh Williams



Birthstones

January– Garnet– can be found in metamorphic rocks and sometimes in granites and volcanic rocks.

February– Amethyst– is popular for its color and crystal shapes that produce handsome, purple, sparkling colors.

March– Aquamarine– is a variety of the mineral beryl. Beryl generally forms inside granites as magma cools inside the Earth.

April– Diamond– is a form of carbon with a tightly bound crystalline structure that originates deep inside the Earth.

May– Emerald– another variety of beryl. It is surprisingly common for emeralds to contain flaws and veins of chemicals called inclusions.

June– Alexandrite– when light enters the stone, it is bounced back and forth between layers before it exits as the glowing moon-like effect we see.

July– Ruby– originates from metamorphic rock, and is a variety of the mineral corundum.

August– Peridot– is a type of olivine, and comes in various shades of green, from light to a brilliant olive green.

September– Sapphire– is any form of corundum that is not red, as red varieties are called rubies.

October– Pink Tourmaline– the presence of water in the mineral structure allows geologists to determine the temperature of the rock at the time of the opal formed

November– Citrine– actually began as purple amethyst, but heat from nearby molten rock changed it a warm yellow color.

December– Blue Topaz– is composed of hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate.



Source: www.burkemuseum.org/blog/curated/science-and-legends-birthstones

Submitted By: Madyson Kollmeyer

10 HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

1. Halloween is on a Monday this year.
2. The first Jack O' Lanterns were actually made from turnips.
3. Ireland is typically believed to be to the birthplace of Halloween.
4. Halloween is thought to have originated around 400 B.C. which means Halloween has been around for over 6,000 years.
5. Boston, Massachusetts holds the record for the most Jack O' Lanterns lit at once (30,128).
6. Halloween is the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas.
7. Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.
8. 41 million– the approximate number of potential trick or treaters that may be out and about this Halloween night. (Don't worry– they wont all be in your neighborhood).
9. The largest pumpkin ever measured was grown by Norm Craven, who broke the world record in 1993 with a 836 lb. pumpkin.
10. According to tradition, if a person wears his or hers clothes inside out and then walks backwards on Halloween, he or she will see a witch at midnight.

<http://www.factretriever.com/halloween-facts>

<http://www.halloweenexpress.com/>

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Submitted By: Julie
Balboa

**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

MONSTER HOUSE

The movie starts off with, 12 year old “DJ” Walters playing basketball with his friends. When suddenly the basketball rolls into his elderly neighbor, Horace Nebbercracker’s yard. DJ tries to go recover the ball, when Nebbercracker comes and yells at him for being in his yard and he has a heart attack. The ambulance arrives and takes Nebbercracker to the hospital. Later on that night, DJ starts receiving mysterious calls from the house, but no one was on the other end. DJ and his friend,



Chowder, are trying to investigate what’s going on with the house. They decide to ring the door bell, only to find out that the house is alive. They learn that the house is a rare monster created when a human soul merges with a man-made structure, and that it can only be killed by destroying its heart. When the house falls asleep, the

kids begin exploring. They find a collection of all the kids’ toys that have fallen in and attacks them, forcing the house to vomit them outside by grabbing its uvula. Nebbercracker arrives home alive, revealing that his wife’s, who had passed away, spirit is within the house. All these years, Nebbercracker had acted like he hated children only to protect them from the spirit in his house. He realizes the kids are in danger, and kills the house himself. The movie ended with children in their Halloween costumes lined up at the site of the house, as DJ and his friends help return the toys to their owners.

Submitted by: Jeyny Lopez

The Pride of Commerce Marching Band

The band was asked to play in downtown Miami during the renaming of A street to Fern Holland Way on Wednesday October 19th. We played “Shout It Out” while marching as they put up the new street sign indicating the renaming being official. Then on October 27th, they were asked for the fourth year to play at the flag raising in downtown Miami. This year they played the National Anthem to honor our veterans.



Having a Job in High School

Having a job in high school helps teach you how to manage money. It also helps teach a good work ethic, how to work well with others, and how to handle responsibilities. There is also a down fall. If you work long hours, it is hard to go home and stay up to do homework. Then waking up to go to school is difficult. You don't have much time to hangout with friends or spend time with family, and sometimes you miss school functions. Even though you do miss out on fun stuff, the reward is the feeling you get when you realize that you earned that money by yourself.

by Monique Z.

Wyandotte Game

by Isaac Shelton

The Commerce Tigers faced the Wyandotte Bears on the 13th of October. The Tigers came out swinging, and senior, wide receiver Carlos Pinales, caught a 15 yard pass for a touchdown. Unfortunately, the Bears were not quite done yet. A 60 yard run by the Bears quarterback gave them 6 points. Both the Tigers and the Bears traded good offensive drives, but after the second quarter the Tigers were up 13 to 6. The second half was a different story. The Wyandotte Bears scored 26 unanswered points and gave the Tigers a devastating 13 to 32 loss.

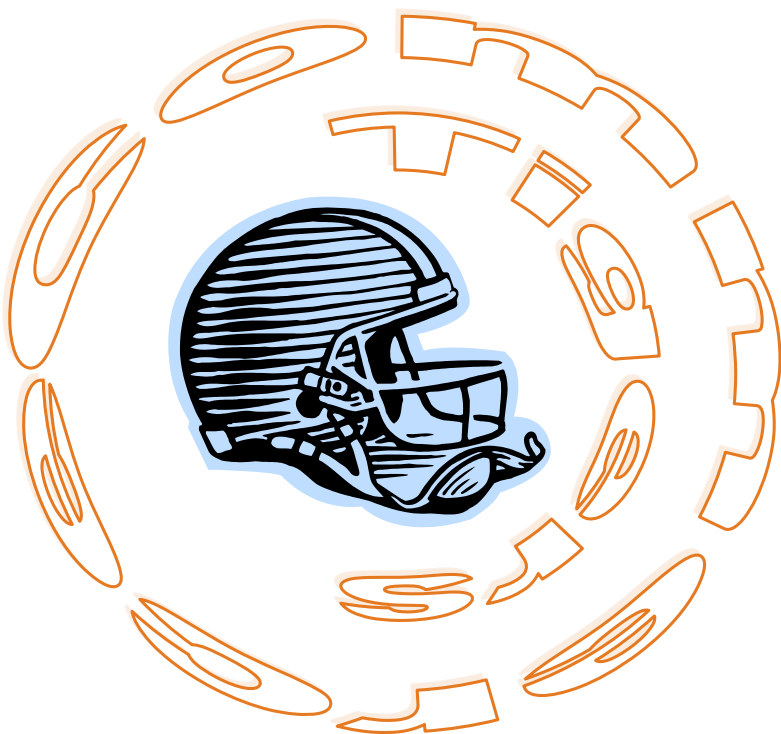
#3 Carlos Pinales (overall), #13 Chris Ibarra (offense), #28 Stefan Blankenship (defense), and #6 Ryan Dunbar (special teams) were selected as the Commerce players of the game.



Chase's Concussion

Chase is the middle linebacker for the football team. He was injured during the Wyandotte game. Chase was going to tackle the ball carrier and hit his foot with his facemask. Then was kneed in the back of the head by one of his own teammates. He laid on the ground with severe pains in his head. He was walked off the field, and they checked him for a concussion while on the sideline. After a few minutes, they came to the conclusion that Chase had suffered a concussion.

Chase was on complete brain rest for a whole week. All he could do was lay in his room with the lights and T.V. turned off. After a few days, his headache finally started to go away. He went to the doctor that Saturday to get cleared for school and practice. They gave him a bunch of tests, and he passed all of them. The first day back to school was pretty rough for him. His headaches came back pretty fierce. The next day Chase tried going back to practice. He did some running and his headaches continued to come back. That's when he finally decided to hang up his cleats.



What's going on in FCCLA?

In the month of October, FCCLA decorated the football fence for cancer awareness. They used pink ribbons and made a pink balloon arch for the half time presentation. FCCLA gave each cancer survivor pink helium balloons to release into the sky. On November 1st FCCLA will be attending Districts in Pryor. Then on November 12th FCCLA will be going to Silver Dollar City. Four members will be attending the National Cluster meeting in Orlando, Florida on November 17-20th.



Submitted by: Iyannah Johnson

NBA

The NBA started Tuesday, October 25th. The east has improved a lot. The Warriors have added Kevin Durant to “try” to beat LeBron. Over the summer, teams have been trading players to improve their roster. There were a couple of players that retired like Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan. We will have to wait and see what team in the East and the West will fight for the 2017 championship. There is a lot of basketball to be played between now and then.

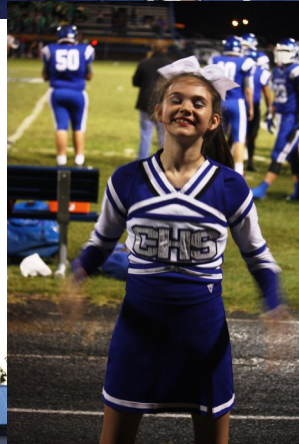
-Josue



Oklahoma Union

The Commerce Tigers played the Oklahoma Union Cougars on October 21st. The Tigers knew they could easily beat this team, but they'd have to show up prepared and ready to play for it to happen. The defense they had practiced all week wasn't working very well in the first half of the game, so they switched it up at half time, which wasn't easy to do since they hadn't practiced it since last year. The defense they switched to in the second half worked fairly well. The game plan on offense was to pass a little more instead of run the ball 80% of the time like normal. The passing game helped the Tigers cruise to a victory of 46-21. This win guarantees the Tigers a spot in the first round of the playoffs.

- Stefie



Nowata Ironmen

The Nowata Ironmen faced the Commerce Tigers on October the 28th. The Tigers had a well fought game but came up short with a 46 to 24 loss. “We played well the second half. If we played the first half like we did the second I feel like we would have won,” said senior Chase Cunningham. Ryan Dunbar, Chris Ibarra, and Stefan Blankenship all recorded one touchdown for the Tigers. If the tigers had won, they would be third in the district going into the Adair game. Now the Tigers will play Adair with a record of 6-3.



By: Brent Reeves

CHS Powder Puff

On October 11th CHS STUCO held their annual Powderpuff game. In the Powderpuff game, the Seniors and Freshmen came together as one team while the Junior's and Sophomores came together as well. They played against each other and the Seniors/Freshmen came out with the win of 24-6. The coaches for the Powderpuff teams were some of the upperclassmen football players. The coaches for the Seniors/Freshmen team were Donnie Brown, Brent Reeves, and Carlos Pinales. The Junior/Sophomore coaches were Isaac Shelton, Stefan Blankenship, Hunter Burkybile, and Lupe Prado. The game was a fun filled evening for all who participated.



By: Miranda Z

Top 6 Spook Houses

Spook houses are a great way to have fun around Halloween.

You can go with big groups of friends and enjoy your holiday together.

The Twisted Forest (Joplin MO)

Project Fear (Parsons KS)

Hawks family maze (Lockwood KS)

Wolfman's House of Screams (Carl Junction MO)

The Cadaver Zone (Webb City MO)

Fear Factory Spook House (Webb City MO)



by Lindsey Chance

Senior Night 2016



