

# PANTHER PAWS

**March 2025**

**Climax-Scotts Jr./Sr. High School**

**Climax, Michigan 49034**



## Girls Basketball Has Banner Year

By Chloe Czuk

This March, the Girls Varsity Basketball team led by Coach Chip Paddock assisted by Janae Langs and David Lodes won the conference title with a record of 11-1 and an overall record of 19-6. The ladies then won the district semifinal with a 37-28 win against Calhoun Christian. Later that night, Battle Creek St. Philip beat Athens in their districts game to set up a championship game against the Lady Panthers. Two days later the Panthers faced a tough squad but ultimately beat them in a close 45-41 win, advancing to the regional semifinals against Lawrence. The Lady Panthers defeated Lawrence 44-21 and moved on to the final round of Regionals. In that game, Byron Center Zion Christian and Climax Scotts battled into overtime with a 33-33 after Zion Christian made a three pointer at the buzzer. Eventually, the Panthers fell short by one point with a 37-38 final score. It was a great season that will be remembered for a long time.



Above left: Winter sports team photo (Photo credit: Denise Wilson)



Above right: The team hoists their District title trophy! (Photo credit: Lindsey Wyman)

## March Madness Poll

By Jordan Grove

March Madness is underway! Our yearbook staff surveyed the school to test their knowledge and see where their allegiances were! The school's favorite women's basketball team is UConn. Their favorite men's team is Duke. When asked who our students preferred more between Michigan State and Michigan, we found that the school is divided straight, down-the-middle, 50/50. Most of the school thinks that Duke is going to win this year's Men's tournament while they think UConn is going to win the women's tournament. The team that the school thinks is going to have a Cinderella story is McNeese State (which was true for the first round at least!).



# What's Cooking in World Foods

Interview with Mr. Appleton by Kaylee Peck

For this month, we asked Mr. Appleton about his World Foods class. Some of the foods they made in March were simple sushi recipes from Japan. Before that, they prepared brigadeiros from Brazil, which are just like a fudgy type ball. Making sushi was a very popular dish for students to make. Mr. Appleton said they all did a really good job even with the challenges that came with it. For example, one challenge was getting the rice to the right moisture level and slicing up the rolls without destroying them. Mr. Appleton also said that so far the cooking has been the highlight of the class, and his students are always asking when they will be going back to the kitchen.

Pictures: Mr. Appleton's World Foods students proudly show off their creations.



(Photo credit: Matt Appleton)



# Moves by Mrs. Murphy

By Ilona Kovach Fiitzsimmons

A few days ago, Mrs. Murphy and her freshman class performed a dance called the "Charleston" in front of the class. The "Charleston" was a popular dance during the Roaring 20s. It became fairly popular among African Americans, particularly in Charleston, South Carolina.

According to Mrs. Murphy, "Jazz music during this time period was used to dance to, and it is believed that African dance traditions inspired the Charleston dance. Some people during the 1920s were realizing that African American cultural traditions were becoming more mainstream and brought out some of the differences in ethnicity, gender, and social class that had not been recognized up until that point in time".

The freshman students seemed to have had a good time with this dance, making it a fun learning experience.

Mrs. Murphy concluded, "I thought that this exercise was a fun way to get student volunteers up and moving and more immersed in the time period that we were beginning to examine".



Left: Students Addy Krick, Shai Jackson, and Grace Liska join Mrs. Murphy in front of the classroom. (Photo provided by Mrs. Murphy)



Right: Ian Murphy, Jackson Pio, and Easton Vanmiddlesworth learn some new dance moves. (Photo provided by Mrs. Murphy)

# Women in History Month

Interview with Mrs. Murphy by Gracie Kloosterman

For Women's History Month, I interviewed Mrs. Murphy to find out what this month means to her as both a woman and a history teacher.

Mrs. Murphy stated that the most influential woman in her life was her mother.

Next, she stated that Michelle Obama and Princess Leia are just a few of her favorite women in history.

She also included some of her favorite quotes from powerful women in history:

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish," Michelle Obama.

"When you give up comparing yourself to other people, you'll be free to focus on your best effort," Amy Morin.

"I hate to hear you talk about all women as if they were fine ladies instead of rational creatures. None of us want to be in calm waters all our lives," Jane Austen.

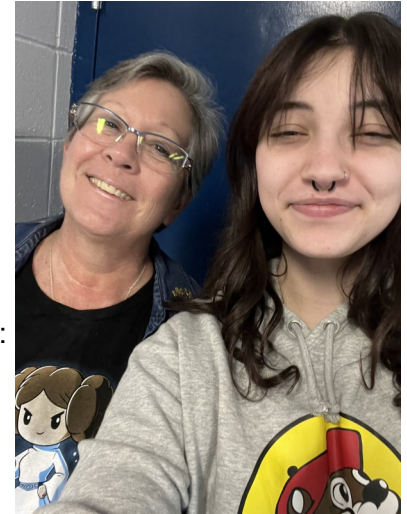
"Friends. Sisters. Mothers. Professors. When women affirm women, it unlocks our power. It gives us permission to shine brighter," Elaine Welteroth.

"Be the woman who fixes another woman's crown without telling the world it was crooked," Amy Morin.

Top right: Mrs. Murphy poses in her Princess Leia t-shirt

Right: Mrs. Murphy takes a selfie with her interviewer, Gracie Kloosterman

(Photo credit: C-S Publications Staff)



# Work Based Learning Report

Interview with Andrew Kamrowski By Ethan Deplanche

Staff reporter Ethan Deplanche spoke recently with Sophomore Andrew Kamrowski to discuss his experience with work based learning at Lu-Lu's Café'. Here's what he said!

Question: How do you like working at LuLu's?

Andrew: I like it a lot.

Question: What is your favorite thing to do at Lulu's?

Andrew: Working with my brother Zack Kamrowski.

Question: What is the hardest thing to do at Lulu's?

Andrew: Pouring grease into the grease trap.

Question: What is your favorite food at Lulu's?

Andrew: Grilled Cheese and Fries



Above: Andrew Kamrowski

(Photo Credit: Lifetouch)

# Wrestling at Individual States

By Logan Gilbert

Team CSM sent 8 out of 14 wrestlers to the MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Finals February 28th - March 1st. Qualifying for state was Uriah Joostberns (113), Logan Gilbert (120), Cole Reitz (132), Jayce Ritchie (138), Haylen Buell (144), Jackson Bagwell (157), Jakub Tomyslak (165), and Samuel Bleeker (215). In the first round, Uriah, Logan, Jayce, Haylen and Sam each advanced to the quarterfinals.

Cole, Jack, and Jakub all lost hard fought battles in the first round but ended up losing to their opponents. In the second round, we had 3 advance to the semifinals with those wrestlers being Uriah, Logan, and Haylen, while both Sam and Jayce lost to the number one overall seed in the respective brackets.

In round 1 of the consolation side of the bracket, Cole was able to win his match and end up staying alive to be able to wrestle another match. On the other hand, the two seniors Jack and Jakub, sadly ended up losing their match and being knocked out of the tournament. Both had great seasons and good careers.

Sam and Jayce were able to bounce back and win their next match to become All-State in their weight class. In the semifinals, Uriah lost to the number one overall seed by tech fall. Logan ended up losing to the 3 seed 5-0. Haylen ended up winning his match by fall to advance to the State Championship final match.

For day 2, we had 5 wrestlers in the hunt for a medal and one eyeing his 2nd state championship. On the backside of the bracket, Uriah had an incredible day with a 5th place finish in the state as a freshman. Logan ended his high school career with a 3rd place finish. Jayce ended his high school career with a 5th place finish. Sam ended his high school career with a 7th place finish. In the finals, Haylen lost his match by fall, and finished his junior year with a 2nd place finish.

Congratulations to all of our wrestlers who competed at the state tournament!



Right: The state qualifying members of Climax-Scotts Martin (aka Team Hybrid) pose together before competing.

# Senior Spotlight

## Tristan Slager

Favorite Memory at Climax-Scotts? Leaving

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? Get your work done then go work some more

What do you plan to do after high school? Work

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates? Go online. It's less stressful.



## Bobby Gibson

Favorite Memory at Climax-Scotts? Driving my tractor to school on the last day of school for seniors.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? To leave an impact on the future kids coming up and serve as a role model for people that prefer to work rather than go to college.

What do you plan to do after high school? To help out on the family farm and business. I hope to take over a certain aspect of our work as my older sibling did when they graduated.

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates? Hard work pays off. Anything you learn now might be useful down the road.



## Seth Kissinger

Favorite Memory at Climax-Scotts? When Dr. Bell celebrated my birthday with everyone in a cha cha line.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? Hopefully I won't leave anything behind here I won't be able to get it back.

What do you plan to do after high school? My plan is to make more money.

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates? Just keep your head down.



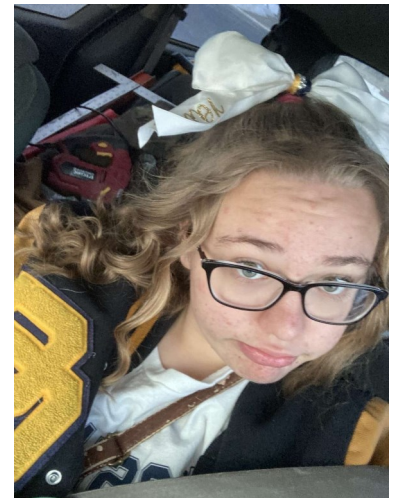
## Ashlynn Bradley

Favorite Memory at Climax-Scotts? Taking a Polaroid with Deshon, Nicole, Lily, and Kyle in Mrs. Murphy's class.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind? That I always had bright energy.

What do you plan to do after high school? I'm going to work and enjoy my young adult years.

What's a good word of advice to share with your younger classmates? Do not listen to the rumors and be yourself.



# Baxtor the Therapy Dog

By C-S Publications Staff

Let's all give a big C-S welcome to Sir Baxtor, our new therapy dog!

On Wednesday, March 19th, the C-S junior/senior high school was fortunate to be visited by Baxtor during class.

Handled by Lisa Soule of Scotts, Baxtor is a 3 year old Boxer. (Baxter has a birthday coming on April 2nd however!). Fortunately, Lisa has offered Baxtor's services to C-S students to help brighten their days!

And he did just that! According to junior Ilona Kovach-Fitzsimmons, "He was pretty cute, and made my day a whole lot better. Dogs just make everything better! Did you see his precious face?"

Ivy Beattie agreed, "It's awesome! I remember they had a dog at the Battle Creek Math and Science Center, too. If you were having a bad day, you could just go hang out with it for a little while."

Baxtor will be visiting the junior/senior high school on Wednesdays. He will be visiting the elementary school on Fridays.

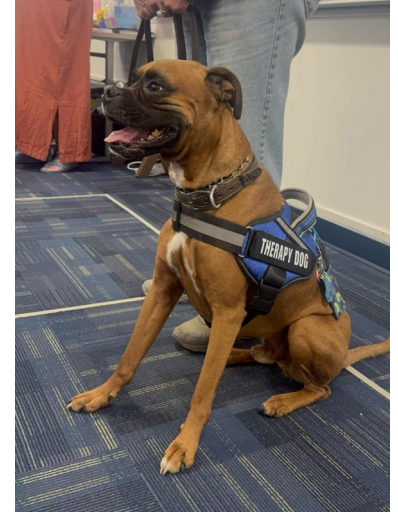


Above left: Baxtor and Lisa hang out with junior high student, Brody Thrasher.

Above right: Baxtor seems to be enjoying his new role at C-S Schools!

Right: Baxtor says hi to Ms. Haynes and Ms. Woodworth.

(Photo credit: Heather Wechsler)



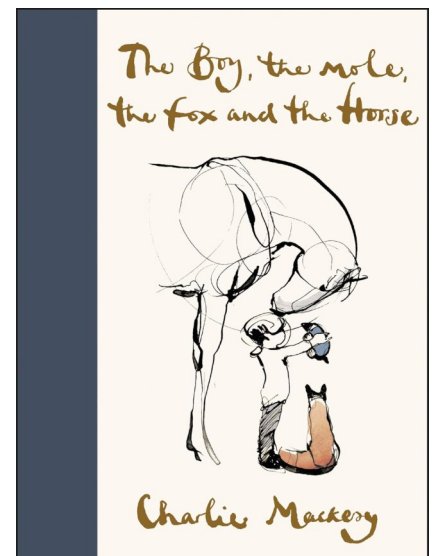
# March Is Reading Month

By Ivy Beattie

For Reading Month, Mrs. Maxa decided to set up some events to get people interested in reading.

The first station was animal trivia! Did you know that dolphins sleep with one eye open? Or that the kangaroo mouse can go three years without water? Well, I sure didn't until I played animal trivia: a fun and educational game to get people interested in more animal fact books.

Then Mrs. Maxa decided to show a short film based on the book "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy, a book I believe everyone should read at least once in their life. It's a great book that tells a classic story about friendship. It teaches that great friendships can evolve from the least likely of circumstances. It can be checked out from the library: along with many other outstanding titles.



(Photo credit: Amazon)

# Spring Break Survey

By C-S Publications Staff  
Poll conducted by Ashlynn Bradley

As we prepared for Spring Break to start, we surveyed members of our student body to find out how they planned to spend their break.

First of all, in a surprise to no one, 96.9% of the students polled were happy to be going on Spring Break (rather than stay at school).

Our poll also indicated that many of our students (53.8%) are staying home while 21.5% are travelling.

If they had their choice to travel anywhere in the country, our student's #1 choice would be Florida (40.3%). Travelling up north was second with 12.9% of the vote and Chicago was third with 8.1%.

When asked what their spring break playlist would consist of, a majority of our students said, "A mix of everything" (59.7%). Country finished 2nd with 19% of the vote while rap was 3rd at 15.9%.

Finally, our students were all over the place on the things they'd like to eat over break. Some of the responses to our open-ended questions were: "The kind of food you eat, probably", "All the food I can", and "anything like summer food". Of the responses that actually included edible items, steak, fried chicken, and seafood sat at the top of the list.

C-S Publications wishes everyone a fun and safe Spring Break!

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