

HARVEST HAPPENINGS!



Photographs were taken following the Lady Saints beating Denton for the title of Area Champions!

Playoffs

Author: Ashlyn Beck

Fall sports have officially come to an end, but everyone is still buzzing over the Lady Saints volleyball team. They finished the 2021 season as area champions, led by Coach Jeff Wilhelm and captains, Landry Kate Fowler, Morgan Cobb, and Ashlyn Beck. In 2018, the Lady Saints finished with one district win and nine losses. The next season, they finished as bi-district champions and matched that title in 2020. After two consecutive bi-district wins, this year's team was unsatisfied. They secured second place in district, only behind Midland Christian, last year's state champions. The Lady Saints began playoffs with a three-set win against Lucas Christian, but they did not stop there. Their next opponent was Denton Calvary Academy, and Lady Saints defeated the Lions in a blowout three-set win, making the Saints area champions. Though their playoff run ended on Saturday, November 13th with a loss to Dallas Lutheran, their season was beyond successful. They are now the first team in Harvest history to win a tournament, finish as area champions, and compete as one of the final eight teams! HCA so proud of their Lady Saints volleyball team!

Teacher Talks

Author: Samantha Ward

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Harvest Happenings wanted to ask some teachers what they are thankful for to include in this month's "Teacher Talks." Mrs. Vazquez says, "I am very grateful for having the opportunity to know Christ." She shared that she is exceedingly thankful for the wonderful people He has placed in her life. Mrs. Vazquez also provides some enlightening words of wisdom: "God is indeed our sustainer and provider! Every good gift can only come from Him."

Mrs. McLain is thankful for her family, who have been there for one another regardless of the situation and through thick and thin. She also says: "I am grateful for the unconditional love I am shown by my Savior, and the opportunity to teach my favorite subject at HCA!" We are all very glad you get to teach what you love! Thank you, Mrs. Vazquez and Mrs. McLain! HCA is immensely grateful to have you as teachers here. Whatever you are thankful for, be sure to show it and appreciate it. Share a kind word or two today. Happy Thanksgiving, HCA!



Dear DJ
Author: Dillan Marshall

Here are some Thanksgiving-themed questions answered by
Dr. James!

What scripture can we remember this Thanksgiving?

"1 Thessalonians 5:18: In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

What are some daily blessings that we have?

"Relationships. Those are the most important blessings and the ones that will last forever."

How should Christians share about what scripture says about thankfulness?

"We need to remember that, of the ten lepers that were healed, only one came back to tell Jesus thank you. Jesus seemed disappointed the other nine didn't. I think that could be a reminder to us that Jesus enjoys our gratefulness."

What are some family traditions or activities you enjoy during Thanksgiving?

"Our family getting together for a meal is always special. I buy each of my family an ornament, wrap them up, and that becomes the first Christmas present. We do spend time talking about what we are thankful for from the past year."

The staff of Harvest Happenings is truly grateful for Dr James and all that he has done serving the Lord. Please email any questions for Dr. James to newspaper editor, Ashlyn Beck at ashlynb@hcasaints.com.

Stand Out Student

Author: Bekah Dunning

Hannah Walls is a Sophomore at HCA. She has been involved in a variety of activities, including cheer, theater, speech, and Honors Academic Team. She has many accomplishments, including going to State in the Destination Imagination competition 4 times, placing among several public and private school teams. She has also won many awards in speech competitions, and has placed at the TAPPS cheer competition. Outside of school, you can find Hannah baking and spending time with friends. She is especially gifted in rapping "Determinate" from Lemonade Mouth. Hannah has influenced the HCA community by being a light to those around her. She has been encouraging to her teammates despite her own injuries, and is an example to her peers of integrity and leading by example. Hannah aspires to "make a difference in how people perceive themselves and others." She is grateful for the many relationships she has made at HCA and that her faith in Christ has deepened in her time here.



Christmas Quiz!

Author: Rebekah Dunning



1. What's your ideal Christmas Eve?
 - A. Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
 - B. Christmas movie marathon after the Christmas service at church of course!
 - C. Snow angels, go ice skating, eat a whole thing of Nestle Tollhouse cookie dough, snuggle
 - D. Last minute Christmas shopping... I didn't realize Christmas was tomorrow!
2. You decorated...
 - A. Right after Thanksgiving!
 - B. October 31. 11:59pm
 - C. What's Halloween? It's Christmas season!
 - D. I don't decorate much, but in early December I put a tree up.
3. When do you wake up Christmas morning?
 - A. I sleep until mid morning... I have to get a good night's sleep!
 - B. Early! IT'S PRESENT TIME!
 - C. I did not sleep! I must enjoy all 24 hours of Christmas!
 - D. Christmas morning? I'm more of a Christmas afternoon kind of person.
4. It is the season to be freezin'! How do you stay cozy?
 - A. A fire in my fireplace and hot tea.
 - B. My favorite Christmas movie, Christmas socks, and Christmas cookies.
 - C. Roasting marshmallows, hot cocoa, fuzzy socks, and ugly Christmas sweaters.
 - D. Lots and lots of blankets!
5. Pick a Christmas movie:
 - A. It's a Wonderful Life.
 - B. Any Hallmark. They make the season!
 - C. Elf. Duh.
 - D. Die Hard.
6. Which iconic Christmas character do you relate to?
 - A. Kevin - Home Alone
 - B. Duchess of Montenegro - Princess Switch
 - C. Buddy the Elf - Elf
 - D. The Grinch - How the Grinch Stole Christmas
7. All I want for Christmas is...
 - A. My two front teeth
 - B. a hippopotamus
 - C. YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY
 - D. do I have to pick just one thing? I want so many things!
8. Which gifts do you give?
 - A. I give my friends and family small baked goods or chocolate.
 - B. I buy my close friends something personal and my other friends bulk gifts.
 - C. I hand-make all my gifts and they are all special and thoughtful.
 - D. My presence is a present.
9. It is Party time and you are...
 - A. Wearing a festive ugly sweater!
 - B. Rockin' around the Christmas tree
 - C. HOSTING! As they say, there'll be parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting
 - D. Leaving early (You really can't stay... baby it's cold outside)
10. It is a Friday in December and you are...
 - A. Making gingerbread houses
 - B. Going to see Christmas lights!
 - C. Going caroling! "The best way to spread Christmas cheer..."
 - D. Enjoying Starbucks peppermint mocha in the Christmas cup!

Mostly As: Jack Frost. You enjoy Christmas and the festivities, but you do not go above and beyond. With a lot on your plate, it is easy to let the season slip by.

Mostly Bs: Rudolph! You are so excited about Christmas, but you have some limits. You are sure to enjoy all aspects of the season, and you spread joy wherever you go!

Mostly Cs: Buddy the elf! You love Christmas. Christmas is not just a season to you, it is a lifestyle. You go above and beyond to make every Christmas season memorable, and why wouldn't you? If Santa ever needs a day off, you would be the one he calls to take over.

Mostly Ds: SCROOGE! Christmas is not a big deal to you. You enjoy the little things, but overall, the Christmas season is just another season. This year, try to pause for a moment and truly enjoy what this season has to offer.

Are You Ready For A Lil Christmas Competition?



Ho, Ho, Hey Saints! Grab all your Christmas spirit, creativity, and car decorations because HCA is having a Christmas car decorating competition! Any and all high school students or faculty members with a car can deck it out as they please! Then email landryf@hcasaints.com and you'll receive a paper to put in your car indicating you're entered in! Your car must be decorated before December 10th because that's when the selected judges will choose the most festive car of all. And... the winner will receive A PRIZE!

Tis' the season to be
Competin' fa la la la la la la!

Easy Christmas Gifts | Author: Landry Luebbert

As Christmas gets closer and closer, hopefully everyone has begun buying Christmas gifts. One obstacle you might face is finding several gifts for an inexpensive price. One cute gift idea for multiple people is purchasing items from the dollar store to make a movie night kit. This would include plastic popcorn buckets, which are often sold in individual serving sizes, or large buckets that can contain more than one serving. You should also get hot chocolate packets and popcorn. Then, add some small details to your popcorn buckets such as tissue paper, filling it with your popcorn and hot chocolate, and you have a gift that can easily be replicated for more than one person.



Another idea for cheap gifts is to look through the dollar store or the dollar section at Target. Often you can find more personal gifts for close friends or family without breaking the bank. This is also a great option if you do not want to give multiple people the same gift, and want to do something more personal.

Though it is fun to receive gifts from friends, the thought is what is most important. If you are unable to buy anything, make it! You can make a photo album on your phone of all your favorite moments with that person. Then when you share it with them, you get to reminisce about wonderful moments with each other. You can create a playlist of all the songs that make you think of them. You can even simply write them a thoughtful letter, telling them how much you appreciate them and how thankful you are for them. There is always an inexpensive way to spread Christmas joy.

Senior Privilege | Author: Ashlyn Beck

This season is all about thankfulness, and the seniors are ever-thankful for our new and improved senior privilege! In the past, the senior class has been permitted one privilege (within reason) that the rest of the student body does not have. Privileges have ranged from wearing Crocs to carrying backpacks. In recent years, the privilege has been for the boys to have facial hair, if properly groomed, and this continued to the class of 2022. The girls of the senior class, however, have decided to advocate for a more widely beneficial privilege. After a kindly worded request to Mr. Caywood, the class of 2022's senior privilege has been altered slightly. Now, in addition to spirit wear on Fridays, seniors can wear college shirts or sweatshirts with jeans on Mondays. Boys still have the option of facial hair, but all seniors now can wear any college gear on Mondays instead of putting on a uniform. Seniors, enjoy your privilege for the next semester and a half. Class of 2023, now is the time to start thinking of senior privileges for yourselves!

