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CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

PUNTA GORDA KIWANIS

SEPTEMBER...

McAtee, Charles
Browne, Sydney
Gill, Kendall
Vaughn, Cassidy

OCTOBER....

Casarella, Stephen
Crigler, Isaac
Heitman, Rebekah
Pears, Julia

NOVEMBER...

Weitzel, Harley
Brumbaugh, William
Dattilo, Gina

DECEMBER...

Noel, Eunice
Genik, Anthony
Palmer, Melissa
Fenty, Hannah

PUNTA GORDA ELKS SENIORS

SEPTEMBER...

Weinberger, Marissa Lamb, Kayla

OCTOBER...

Springer, Chyana Griffin, Angelina

NOVEMBER...

Federau, Austin Jean-Baptiste,

DECEMBER...

Chavarria, Kaylie Moenning, Melanie

PUNTA GORDA ROTARY JUNIORS

SEPTEMBER...

Bolien, Ava Maria Vitti, Brooke

OCTOBER...

Thornton, Kathryn Grace, Andrew

NOVEMBER...

Beasley, Tajaris Peet, Natasha

DECEMBER...

Berkland, Justyn Byrne, Krystal

Plays in 24

Fairy princesses, Donald Trump impersonators, and goths on a plane. All of these were included in this year's production of Plays in 24. Plays in 24 are plays directed, written, and acted by the students. These plays are creative, simple, and humorous.

The child actors came to the theater on September 3 from 9:1 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. to rehearse their skits. The writers and directors, however, not only had to attend the rehearsal, but they also had to start and finish writing the skits the day before everyone came to rehearse. They worked from 3:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. writing those scripts the Friday night before the show. However, it was not as stressful as it may seem.

"It's really fun and it gives a whole new perspective towards the acting thing because most of us normally just act, so like the people that are directing it's a whole new world," stated Grace Helgemo, grade 12.

Many others seem to agree as they practiced their lines and laughed in the process. Actors and directors alike all appeared to have the same relaxed feeling as they chuckled through each scene.

"We butt heads less often because everyone gets along I guess or like no one has the 'I'm better than you factor,'" stated Madison Fileman, grade 12.

When it came time to perform the show, people of all ages came to see what these students have been working on in the last 24

hours. They didn't disappoint.

The show started off with 'Pig-worts' the magical yet low-budget school where its students are kidnapped and forced into magical exams. Then came the skit that made us all laugh as the current presidential candidates bickered over votes as a murder was happening around them. And for the finale, a plane filled with goths, flappers, and superheroes are thrown into a mystery filled with murder and laughs. It appears that although these directors, actors, and writers are under the age of 18, they still can do great things in only 24 hours.



Tarpons Do the Right Thing Again & Again

In the movies, some children are given a strange power that allows them to stop crime, but in real life, things are very different. Kids don't have superpowers, bad guys can get away, and the police are responsible for catching the criminals in the real world. However, when a child does do something that helps the public, unlike the movies where they have to keep their masks on, the kids are recognized.

"It (Do the Right Thing) is a program ran by the police department to recognize kids that have done good in the community and anywhere else. You have to be

Go Vote!

The 2016 election has been the cause of many debates and feuds. The two candidates, Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton, have both been very controversial in this year's election. This election has been the topic of many conversations throughout the country. Although many students of Charlotte High could not participate in voting in the actual election, they could participate in the mock voting. The mock voting is where all students were given a slip of paper that has checkboxes for each candidate. The classes were assigned a state and had the number of electoral votes as that state.



"Yes, I was happy I was able to vote in the mock election. I thought it was thoughtful that the school allowed us (the students) to decide who they would want to be president since we are not allowed to vote now," Will Hawley (grade 09) states. The mock voting has been implemented since 1984, and Charlotte high school has almost always voted for the president that won the actual election, according to Mrs., Beisner. Don-

nominated by someone for doing a good thing or being a good kid. It's just a ceremony to recognize those kids doing good in their community," explains Katrina Candales (12). The program is run by the police department, and the police have expressed how proud they are of all the kids in Do the Right Thing.

"They are all great kids and all deserving of the recognition that they receive. However, we have heard comments about some of our very young winners that save lives by calling 911, and being calm enough to lead the EMS workers to the house, without knowing the address, to save a family member

ald Trump won both the real and mock election. In the mock voting at Charlotte High, Trump won in a landslide with 444 electoral votes.

"I'd say Charlotte county is a more conservative county, and most kids follow who their parents follow," states Charlie McAtee, grade 9. Whether you voted for Hilary or for Trump, you cannot deny that the future holds potential for greatness or disaster.

CHS Mock Presidential Election Ballot		
Please check the box of the candidate that you want to select.		
Hillary Clinton	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Donald Trump	<input type="checkbox"/>	

who would have otherwise died. Sometimes small children act in such a manner that is truly amazing," states chief of police Thomas Lewis. In the end, it's not powers or high-tech equipment that make heroes. It's the everyday acts of kindness and courage that the police and children do.

Book Lover

Charlotte High School has a huge variety of books. Thousands upon thousands, 16,800 to be exact. Even though they have all these books, it is still not enough for the kids here at Charlotte.

The library does not own every book, so they created a Inter Loan Library Book program that allows all the schools in Charlotte District to loan books to one another to help students get books that the school may not own.

Mrs. Blake is one of the media specialists; she loves the inter loan program.

"I have been here for about ten years and that is how long the program has been around. We send any books available or get any books that are available from other schools," Mrs. Blake said. Mrs. Cain is the other media specialist at Charlotte High and she also enjoys the program.

"This gives the students chances to read books we are not available to have here. We borrow all books from all schools. Elementary through High School," Mrs. Cain explains.

Charlotte High School is very fortunate to have all the books they do, and the students are very fortunate to have the loan program to help get materials we do not have.

APHUG

Human geography is defined as the study of people and their interaction with the environment around them. Students study this college course at Charlotte High School and all around the nation. Many students find the subject fascinating while others find it extremely stressful and almost unbearably difficult.

“AP human is difficult but rewarding because you know you worked hard to do good things,” stated Carly, grade 9. AP human geography is the first and only advanced placement class freshmen can participate in. They have never handled anything close to a college class. The homework is less about the textbook information and more on current events, class time is spent on lectures instead of reading from the book, and the textbook itself is

an encyclopedia of the history of the human race and how they affected their environment to create problems or solutions.

“I believe that AP (advanced placement) human geography gives me a good introduction to the advanced courses at Charlotte High,” explained Christopher Papa, grade 9. Advanced placement courses are new animals to the freshmen of Charlotte High, and the only way for high school students to advance in advanced placement is through the teacher, Charlotte High alumni Colleen Beisner.

“I’m not mean, I just have expectations,” Miss Beisner explains. She expects from her students to work hard, be excited to learn, and be dedicated. After interviewing several students, they all came to the conclusion that Ms. Beisner was an easy going and relatable teacher that teaches an arduous but rewarding class.



Veteran Salute

Veterans have made sacrifices all our lives. They do everything in their will to protect us. The least we can do is honor them. Charlotte High School decided to honor the veterans in a special way this year. ROTC, band, choir and charisma got together to make a performance of a lifetime. This performance was to thank the veterans for their bravery. This event was held on Thursday November 8th at the Charlotte Performance Arts Center. The entire center was packed. Most of the audience was veterans or families of veterans. Almost every seat was filled and some had to stand for most of the time. The choir and charisma sang the Pledge of Allegiance instead of saying it. It was very respectful and the entire place was quiet. They then asked all to stand and sing the Star Spangled Banner and it was very well performed. Alexis Reed (12) from the choir felt very proud to perform this because

her father was in the navy and she has many family members that are veterans.

“This concert is really important to me because I want to honor my family that has fought for our freedom. I think this concert will have a big impact on others because we are honoring all those who did something we were not brave enough to do,” Reed said. Because she is a senior this year, it was a very bitter sweet moment for her. This will be her last first concert and she will miss her choir family very much, but she enjoys every minute of.

Dalton Smith (12) is also a senior

this year in the choir and was really excited to perform this show because his grandpa was in the army and he is honoring all those have joined the U.S military.

“We have been practicing this performance since August. I think this will make an impact on people because of all the things going on in the world and it makes Americans realize why we need the military,” Smith said.

This performance was a great way to show our appreciation and to thank all those who have served us. We will forever honor those who have the bravery we do not have.



Asolo Presents "Hamlet"

Getting a show ready can be difficult especially with a cast of twelve and a full crew of thirteen. Asolo theatre teamed up with FSU contemporary to create the show Hamlet. The cast in crew are in their third year of a master's program.

Dayne Sundman is the stage manager and says, "we travel with two vans. All of the actors help with load in and load out. They also help with all of the set up for the play." For paying for the play, Committee Foundations of Sarasota sponsored the entire play. They cast and crew are one hundred percent grateful for the sponsor. A lot of the



extremely important part education," Sheehan said.

All the cast and crew agree they want to make a difference in people's lives and they believe this is a good way to impact others. It takes a lot of work and dedication to make these programs work but it is all worth it.

A is for Art

Acrylic paint, oil pastels, chalk, and more are all used in Charlotte High's art class. The class teaches grades nine through twelve how to creatively express themselves while also learning how to utilize different mediums.

"It's kind of the only thing that makes me happy and if I did something else with my life I wouldn't be truly happy. This is what makes me truly happy," says Tiffany Gilson (12).

The class helps students perfect their technique while also trying different types of tools.



"It takes practice, and you have to do it (art) everyday as much as you possibly can to get better at it. You can't just sit down, put a pencil in your hand, and be like 'I'm Picasso!' It's not like that," explains Ramona Simon (12). Students in the class either want to learn how to do art while others strive to perfect their technique.

"It just happened. All my life I've been into it (art), so I think the moment I took it seriously is probably the sixth grade," states Allison Joseph (12). Whether you are an aspiring artist, or just trying out a new hobby, art class is the place for you.

Jay Asher is coming!!



Jay Asher, author of 13 Reasons Why, is coming back to Charlotte High.

Asher will be speaking with students in CPAC on January 24. CHS students will see a presentation by Jay Asher, author of 3 YA novels. He has recently completed a "50 States Against Bullying" tour sponsored by Penguin Publishing where he traveled to all 50 states to speak with students about bullying and the lasting and possibly fatal effect our words and actions can have on others.

Students may enter a contest on the CHS website for a chance to win a signed copy of 13 Reasons Why.



actors agreed this is hard work but a rewarding job.

Michael Fisher plays Hamlet's Father's ghost and he loves it. "The best reaction is when you can tell everyone is engaged in the show and they are enjoying it," Fisher says. Getting the parts of the show was fairly easy. They had a little workshop and they were assigned the parts to what fits each person best.

The cast travels all around the state of Florida and since September they have has performed forty-three shows.

Ellen Harvey and Kym Sheehan are curriculum specialists who have been working together for ten years. They work to integrate the arts. The work for Charlotte Public Schools and help these types of programs come together.

"The performing arts is an

All Welcome

It's seven o'clock on a Wednesday morning. Students sit silently in the stands of the auxiliary gymnasium as they quietly eat donuts and listen to a sermon.

They all came to listen to the speaker as he shares the word of God. They are a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They gather every Wednesday morning to listen to whomever does the sermon that day. FCA is a special organization that helps Christianity throughout the school, and helps Christian students understand more about their faith.

"It's just a club where kids who just love the Lord want to learn more about God, and they have friends who have that same mutual interest. We have a lot of the youth pastors from the area that come in and share, so it's just a good healthy, fun club," says club runner Mr. Hoke. FCA is open to all students, not just athletes. The club does fun activi-

ties that help the students come closer to God and those around them. One such event was 'see you at the pole'. This was where FCA members, or anyone who wants to participate, come together in the early morning, gather around the flagpole, and pray for one another and their country. Soft music played in the background as everyone held hands around the symbol of American values and freedoms.

"My church talked about it at youth group, and we do it every year. It was so fun to pray over the school and it just gave me a new sense of re-new-ment that day, and made that day better," explains Kate Wyatt, grade 9. She was not a member of FCA, but she still was able to join in on the prayers over



some students like the action, some students prefer to be perfectly still and pretend to be a mannequin.

"Yeah you see it done in the weightroom a lot. It's kind of creepy, but funny."

Many kids are filming the stance and adding music then posting it on youtube. It's become popular on campus among the guys.

Gone are the days of the ice bucket and cinnamon challenge. Make room for more interesting and fun ways students spend their time socializing.



Are you Hooked?

The Tarpon Journalism program is alive and growing at Charlotte High. This is the third edition of our online paper. We are finding our way and learning lots in the process. The current staff not only designs, writes, advertises and produces the yearbook, they also write for the Charlotte Sun page and for the online paper "Hooked."

These students carry a full schedule of academics, athletics and outside curricular activities, while learning graphic design and Photoshop skills. They do all of this within one class period, five times a week.

Should you have comments/suggestions, compliments or would like to contribute to the program by photo or story, please contact Tarpon Journalism. tarponbuzz@gmail.com. Thank you.

Ms. Kelli J. Lipe, Adviser

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Go to the CHS home page and click the icon

Trending

Water bottle challenge and the mannequin game...two very distinctive and different challenges taking high school by storm. Students are flipping bottles with extreme accuracy. It's become a social challenge to be better than everyone else. It's almost as trendy as the new mannequin game, where students pose for a certain amount of time.

"I'm really good at flipping water bottles. It's like a special talent," said Abbiigail Dees (12).

Students challenge each other daily and we are seeing bottles all over the school. Some are up high in the windows ledges of the atrium and some sit quietly outside in the courtyard. While

