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Meet the Staff
Allison Poore



Grade: 12

Nickname: Al

Favorites.....

Teacher: All but Mr. Morris

Netflix Show: *Grey's Anatomy*

Hairstyle: Double Braids

Gum Flavor: Spearmint

Disney Movie: *Beauty and the Beast*

Musical: *Wicked*

Dessert: Ice Cream

Sibling: Not Aidan

Word: "discombobulate"

Litter Box

Watson can't spell bisquit.

Reward!

"To be or not to be." Is that a quote from Star Wars?

I feel like sand paper without the sandy part.

Freshmen...why? Just why?

Meat

As long as algebra is taught in school, there will be prayer in school.

I volunteer to be the one to ask the stupid questions.

We all need a nap.

Something to say? Email: conner.thrash@usd333.com

In With the New...
CJSHS Welcomes New Staff

By: Allison Poore and Conner Thrash
Panther Staff Writers



Landon Slipke is starting his first year of teaching here at CJSHS as the choir director. Before coming to Concordia, he did his student teaching at Smoky Valley High School. He also has experience teaching at the preschool level. When asked his favorite part of teaching, his response was, "I love watching students get excited about singing and learning a part that they thought was impossible before." On the other hand, he dislikes the politics and paperwork that come along with the job. Wal-Mart has been a life changing experience for Mr. Slipke, because Concordia is the first town he's lived in that has one. Reading books, watching movies, writing, and participating in musical activities are his favorite pastimes. Overall, Mr. Slipke is excited to get to know his students, and to make some music!



Julie Myers is an interrelated teacher at CJSHS. Before moving to Concordia, she was a interrelated teacher at Ft. Riley Middle School and Susan B. Anthony Middle School in Manhattan. She enjoys getting to know her students, learning their interests, and helping them apply their skills to their education and future endeavors. Figuring out her students and staff schedules at semesters is her least favorite part of her job. Myers appreciates the atmosphere in Concordia. "I like that Concordia has a small, hometown feel, but has everything we need."

She also remarks that the community is friendly and helpful. Myers spends her free time training for a half marathon, reading, golfing and spending time with family, especially her eight month old granddaughter. She is thankful to be a part of the Panther family, and we are happy to have her here.



Chelsey Greene is the new Family and Consumer Science teacher here at CJSHS. Prior to arriving at Concordia, she taught FACS, Life and Career Readiness, and Contemporary Living in Aurora, Nebraska. When asked what her favorite part of teaching is, her response was, "My favorite part is getting to work with a variety of students and getting to know them as people first and students second." Grading is a hassle for Mrs. Greene. It's her least favorite part of the job. Getting to know her coworkers and the amazing students has been a great part of moving to Concordia.

Some of her favorite pastimes are traveling, spending time with her family and friends, and as she said, "of course, binge watching netflix."

Melinda Isaacson has moved to a full time teaching position at CJHS. Besides working as a substitute teacher at both the high school and middle school, she was also a paraeducator in Pennsylvania. Throughout her years of experience, she has always taught English/Language Arts. She said, "It's who I am." She enjoys when students are engaged in the learning and when they ask questions. Her views on homework will make her a student favorite. She doesn't like assigning or grading it. Mrs. Isaacson loves that Concordia, her hometown, is continuing to grow as a community and to change for the better. Living on a farm doesn't give her much free time, but when she isn't taking care of her horses and goats she can be found gardening or reading a good book. Her responsibilities won't stop her from trail riding on the weekends when she has the opportunity.



Troy Keiswetter has been an administrator for 11 years, but before that he was a teacher. He has taught weights, health, and physical education classes in several different school districts including Wellington, Topeka-Seaman, Kearney and Plainville. His administrative duties started in Colby before he transferred to Manhattan. Keiswetter is excited that he finally found his home in Concordia. He enjoys the small town and family feel Concordia offers. He describes the people of Concordia as friendly, caring, nice, and helpful. Keiswetter's favorite part of the school environment is watching people come together. However, there is a special place in his heart for seniors. He enjoys seeing seniors reach their goals and succeed after high school. His least favorite part is not being able to give funding to groups that deserve it. In his free time, he enjoys following his two kids to their activities. CJSHS welcomes Mr. Keiswetter and is excited for the years to come.



Larry Myers filled a new position at CJSHS. He is the JH Athletic Director. He has taught at Ft. Riley Elementary School, Clay Center Middle School, and Susan B. Anthony Middle School in Manhattan. Myers has taught a variety of grades and classes including 3rd, 7th, and 8th grade social studies; 8th grade PE; and 6th and 7th grade science. He enjoys building relationships with the students, parents, and staff members in the district. Grading papers is his least favorite part of teaching. Myers agrees that the community is extremely courteous and helpful. Playing golf, exercising, and watching movies or sports on TV are some of his favorite hobbies. Myers adds, "This has been a very positive experience for me so far. The students, parents, and staff have been great to work with."



The Hidden Places of CHS

By Chloe Beims
Panther Staff Writer

Have you ever walked down the school halls and wondered what this old school is hiding? Believe it or not, this school is crawling with hidden places from tunnels under the school to dumbwaiters in the hallways. The Panther staff took a tour and learned where all the hiding places were.

Let’s start with the dumbwaiter in the junior high hallway. Because the building was constructed in the 20s’ the elevator had yet to be installed. They installed the dumbwaiter so they could haul textbooks, boxes, or anything heavy between the floors. The dumb waiter consists of a small wooden platform with a pulley system from the top floor to the bottom so transporting boxes was a breeze. They unfortunately had to seal it for safety reasons.

The second place we visited was the vault, which is in the office. Here records, such as grades from the previous generations dating back to the 20s’. It also holds blueprints for the school when it was originally built and he financial records of the school being built.

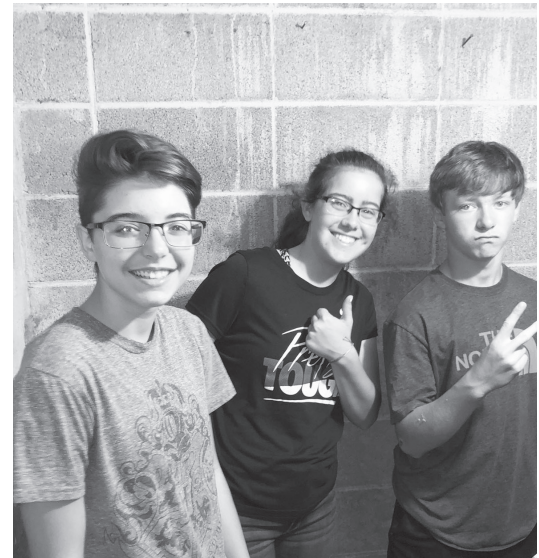
We next went to the boiler room. There was another tunnel there that we did not explore. This is where we found the stairs to nowhere. When you walk in it opens to a large room, with tunnel on the far right side. Miscellaneous things are stored in this room. Then on that same wall, the right wall, there is an doorway leading to a smaller room. This is where the stairs are held. It’s a staircase that covers the wall but breaks when the ceiling cuts it. They’re made of concrete.

In the band room there is a closet that Stuart Roegge, the band teacher, has titled as the “dungeon”. Here the room

twists and turns in a very small space. Music, flags, and a collection of other things are stored in this tiny room. When you walk in there is a hallway a couple feet long. Then it opens up to two rooms at your right. A wall separates the two rooms. Each room is a few feet wide and long.

Now for the fun part, the tunnels under the school. They aren’t what you would expect. To reach them the journalism class had to climb a ladder and hop onto a landing to a fairly small opening. The first tunnel was basically a large square with outlets that go to other parts of the school. At some places the tunnel opens up leaving enough room to stand where other places the tunnel shrinks and leaves enough room to crawl. The tunnels are covered in a thick layer of dust. For their protection the journalism class had to wear masks. Pipes run along these walls and in certain places the floor drops, leaving a giant square hole in the ground that you have to step over.

Other towns may have modern buildings but our treasured schools hold the ancient and bewildering hiding places.



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By looking at the contents, can you guess which teacher belongs to this desk drawer?

The first person who gets to the library with the correct answer wins a prize!

CHS Alums: so far, so good

By Wyatt Trost
Panther Staff Writer

Approximately 70% of last year’s seniors went on to some form of higher education this fall. The Panther staff interviewed six 2018 Concordia High School graduates about their reaction to their first weeks of college.

Billy Bechard

Bechard is attending Cloud County Community College and is majoring in renewable energy (wind and solar). His favorite class (believe it or not) is a three-hour solar fundamentals class, because he loves the hands-on work they do. Bechard still doesn’t like his math class, which is not surprising, considering he has never liked math. One thing he didn’t expect was the swamped schedule. He said, “It’s almost more busy than high school.” Bechard’s advice is, “Don’t be shy and go make friends. College should be the funnest time of your life, but don’t ***k up and make sure you go to class.”

Ashton Hittle

Hittle is majoring in massage therapy at Butler Community College. Her favorite class is still journalism, as it was in high school. Although the class starts at 1:00 pm and often lasts past 3:00, she still enjoys writing for *The Lantern*. Her math teacher isn’t very good, so consequently, her least favorite class is math. One thing she expected was not knowing anyone, and she was right. Hittle said, “ I was surprised how different Butler is compared to Concordia. At Butler no one knows or cares about what’s going on in your life.” Her advice is, “ Cherish the time you have in high school. It is very depressing watching everyone leave and go different directions.” Ashton has had a hard time adjusting because she didn’t know anyone, but she’s glad she doesn’t have to live up to any expectations.

Rope Dorman

Dorman is attending Kansas State University to major in electrical engineering. His favorite class is a hands-on intro to electric engineering, where he learns about circuits and how they work. Dorman was expecting more homework and was surprised how much help is available for him. Dorman’s advice is, “ If you don’t understand your professor you should switch.”

Zach Strait

Strait is majoring in secondary education at Cowley Community College. His favorite class is history, and his least favorite class is philosophy. Strait said, “Some philosophers make no sense.” Strait was expecting more relaxing classes, and was surprised how much homework he has. His advice is, “ Stay up on your homework and keep a good sleep schedule.” Strait said, “Being a student athlete takes way more work than you expect.”

Emily Daniels

Daniels is attending Independence Community College. Her favorite class is introduction to veterinarian tech, and her least favorite is biology. She was expecting to find good friends, and she wasn’t disappointed. She wasn’t expecting how different college is from high school. Daniels has a diverse friend group ranging from New Yorkers and Floridians to New Orleans natives and South Koreans. Her advice is, “Don’t change your attitude to fit in; be genuine and you’ll find your group eventually.”

New Safety Drills Added at CHS

By Maddie Blochlinger
CHS Panther Staff Writer

CJSHS students and faculty may wonder why we are now required to do more lock down/lock in drills this school year compared to previous years. Due to the increase in school shootings across the U.S. our school is now required to do nine lock in/ lock down drills during the 2018-2019 school year. There have been a total of 23 school shooting incidents in the 21 weeks of 2018. Many wonder why.

Officer Doug Thoman, our school's resource officer said, "The state's fire marshal requires us to do these drills now because so many school shootings are happening." Thoman also stated that we will only get a five-minute notice before each drill. He said the reason is, "You're never going to have a heads up that there is a school shooter in the school, so you should always be ready when there is

one." CJSHS had a lock in on Monday, August 27th. Thoman said, "The lock in that we had the other day counted as one of the nine drills." He also said, "None of the drills have been marked on the calendar, but I will sit down and establish dates soon."

Students often wonder what the difference between a "lock in" and a "lock down" is. A lock in is when the danger is outside the building, and all the doors to the outside are locked. The students are allowed to go to and from classes. A lock down is when there is a threat inside the school, and all the students and staff are to lock doors and hide in designated areas. Another thing that Thoman wants to tell students is, "Obey your teachers and follow instructions when given."

September Student of the Month Allison Poore



New School Rules

By Alex Bonebrake
CHS Panther Staff Writer


There are usually changes made at the beginning of each school year. This year is no exception; Troy Keiswetter has made a few changes to the school rules. The biggest change to the school policies is the planned absence form, or blue sheet. Keiswetter said, "It helps with accountability and communication... Instead of getting ten, twenty, thirty phone calls a day, we put the form in the hands of the student and they communicate with their teachers and their parents. I sign it, and the communication is there. The secretaries are actually able to do other things other than answer the phone nonstop."

Keiswetter also clarified the policy regarding tobacco and electronic cigarettes. Keiswetter says, "There are consequences. It's not allowed on school property." Keiswetter also added some expectations for the dress code. Spurs and fishing hooks are no longer allowed in school for safety reasons.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline was also added to the school handbook for easy access for students who

need it. Keiswetter made one more large change regarding athletes who are late to class. "Athletes have to be in school all day in order to participate in their activities. We want them to be the 'student' first in student athlete. If a student sleeps in and comes at nine a.m. then they are not allowed to participate. It lets down the team, it lets them down, it lets their families down. We want to keep things positive but have good accountability, and prepare them for post high school some day. All of our students will be in college or in the workforce someday, and this way they won't be sleeping in or skipping. We are teaching them life lessons right away. It's always hurtful to tell someone they can't play in the game that night, but it's back on the student for not getting up." Keiswetter says there is not much leeway with this rule, but he will use common sense when judging whether to apply the rule to an athlete. All of these changes were approved by the school board at the beginning of the school year.





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New Restaurant Coming to Concordia

By Astoria Kindel
Panther Staff Writer

If you’ve driven around Concordia lately, then you’ve noticed the sign outside of the former Prairie Produce building, which our parents remember as the original location of Taco John’s which moved in 2008. Ricardo’s Restaurant will soon be opened in that building and will serve authentic Mexican food.

The owner of this restaurant is Jose Salas, and the manager is Carlos Caspro. Ricardo’s will be family-owned and run. It is even named after the owner’s son.

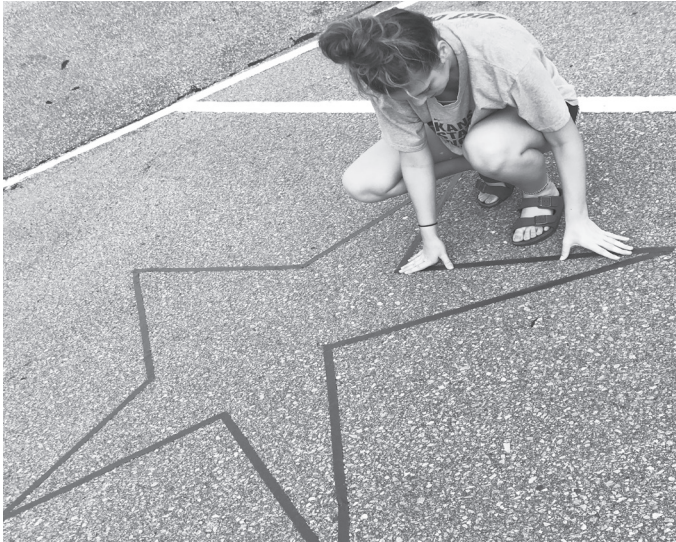
When asked why Salas chose to open the restaurant in Concordia, Caspro said that Salas often drives through Concordia on business, and that he really likes the location and the feel of the town.

Caspro said that they hope to have Ricardo’s open by the end of September, but they are still updating and remodeling the building. Ricardo’s will have dine-in and drive-thru options. When asked what the best item on the menu was, Caspro said, “Everything is good!”

In a small town, any new business is exciting news. However, to high school students a new restaurant is really something to look forward to because we love to eat!



Don't Forget: Picture Day October 3rd!!



Panthers Get Artsy

By Nick Vignery
Panther Staff Writer

In an effort to boost student creativity and school spirit, CHS Student Council hosted a new event at which students could paint their own parking stalls. The event took place on Saturday, September 1st, and 15 people participated.

Mr. Bender, the Student Council sponsor, reported that since it was a first year event that he feels it was successful. He expects more students to participate next year.

Allison Poore, the Student Council Executive President, says that she thinks that the students who participated this year really enjoyed themselves by taking the opportunity to express their creativity. Poore also said that she hopes that this event will continue next year, and she thinks that the participation next year will be greater because the participation for this year’s sophomore class was very good, and many sophomores do not have parking stalls yet.

Bender said that Student Council will include a checklist of items that they recommend having for painting parking stalls when the students sign up or pay. Bender also thinks that next year Student Council will give the student body more time to sign up and get their payment in. They may also

allow the students to bring their own paint as long as it fits the criteria.

Hailey Budke, a junior at CHS, said “I had a great time hanging out with friends and showing off creativity.” Budke also plans to participate next year and hopes that she will be more prepared. She said that she was satisfied with the turnout, but she thinks that it would have been better without a crack in her parking stall.



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