

Welcome to Life Way, New Students!

Courtney Walters:
6th Grade

Ethan Davenport:
9th Grade

Grayson Hanley:
11th Grade

Inside this Issue:

Page 2:

-Varsity Basketball

- Top Spellers

Page 3:

- Survey

- Jr. High Basketball

Page 4:

-Senior Spotlight

Next Round In Math Olympics Coming Soon!

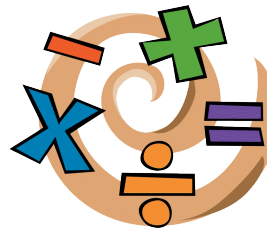
By Victoria Bussiere

There are a "choice few" students from third to eighth grades at Life Way Christian School who will be competing with students from all over Arkansas in Math Olympics.

Math Olympics is an arithmetic competition in which students compete against students their age from other Christian schools.

Math Olympics takes place in rounds, and the round in which LWCS students compete against each other has already taken place. The next round will be in Conway, Arkansas, February 9th, where the students who are advancing in the

Math Olympics will face their competitors. When asked if he was anticipating the next stage in the competition, seventh-grader Jacob Bertrand answered, "Yes, mainly because I'm good at math, and it gives me something to do."



The students in Math Olympics are divided into two groups: Reasoning (R) and Computation (C).

The following students are

contestants from LWCS who will compete in Math Olympics in either reasoning or computation: third grade, Kalel Langford(R), Michael Senn(R), and Lane Wilkins(R); fourth grade, Noah Evans(R), Ryan Genser(R), Garrett Owen(R), and Hollie Stone(C); fifth grade, Caden Darby(R); sixth grade, Chapman Campbell(C), Charles Hopton(C), Justin Kem(R), and Parker Pollard(R); seventh grade, Jacob Bertrand(R), Victoria Bussiere(C), and Haley Solera(R); eighth grade, Brenna Crossno(R), Veronica Hopton(C), Kyle Lembke(C), and Rylee Roberts(R).

Drum Line Performs at Pep Rally

By Haleigh Hull

A second great year has come to an end for Life Way band and orchestra director, Christine Sullivan, and her talented group of percussionists.

Their last performance was at half-time of the varsity boys Homecoming game, Friday, Jan. 13. Garrison Burgess, who plays the snare and helped organize the senior high elec-

tive, said his favorite thing about drum line is the unity in the group.

When asked what she is looking forward to next year, Mrs. Sullivan said, "a bigger drum line and more time to perform." The drum line is Jesse Barrett, Garrison Burgess, Megan Crutchfield, Molly Crutchfield, Michael Cogan, Will Siemens, and John Taylor.



From left, Jesse, Garrison, Will and Megan "have the beat" at Homecoming pep rally.

Season Stats

Overall: 15-7-0

National Rank:
#4553

State Rank (AR): 72

Congrats to the Life Way golf team, who won state last year!

Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to LWCS top spellers at the ACSI district competition in Little Rock:

Kyle Lembke:

2nd Place in 8th grade division

Caden Darby:

2nd place in 5th grade division

Caden placed 3rd overall in his division and has advanced to the Regional bee in Dallas!

Varsity Girls Mark 15-7 Record

At press time, the varsity girls posted a 15-7 season record with no losses to conference teams.

“The goals for us this year are to play each game to the best of our ability and play hard no mat-

ter who we are playing,” said Coach Kathryn Britton. “We want to take the opportu-

nity to improve each time we step on the floor.”

She said challenges the team has faced include having to adjust to playing without key players from last year’s team.



Megan Daniel, Evie Donnell, Hannah Daniel and Megan Crutchfield in the huddle.

Senior High Boys Face Challenges

By Taylor Hull

Coach Chris Taylor says this has been a special season for the senior boys’ varsity basketball team.

The team, led by seniors Caleb Taylor, Drew Taylor, and Boaz Burney, has conquered many goals, and they have experienced many challenges. Some of those challenges have been junior starting point guard, Blake Crossno’s, injuries.

A primary goal for the team this year has

been to live out I Timothy 6:11, which says “But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” Another one is to win

the AACS State Championship in February. The Warriors’ record for 2011-2012 is 15-9.

Coach Taylor said, “This season is special because they have grown a strong relationship together.”



Drew Taylor awaits the free throw against the Hornets.

District Spelling Bee Results, January 13

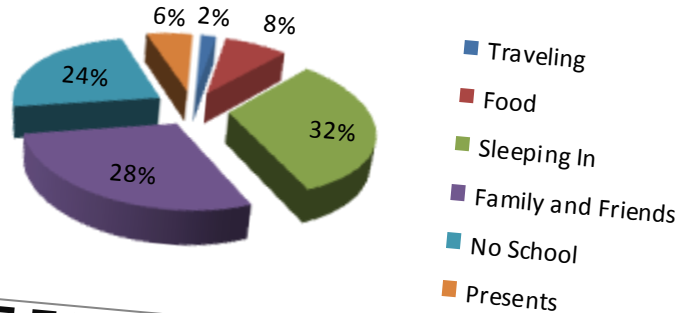
The following Students also placed at the district ACSI spelling bee:

Will Pollard, 4th place, 3rd grade

Hollie Stone, 3rd place, 4th grade

Cole Thompson, 4th place, 3rd grade

What Was Your Favorite Part of Christmas Break?



Junior High Girls Basketball

By Haleigh Hull

A team is not a team without a coach. The Life Way Lady Warriors believe junior high and senior high girls' coach, Kathryn Britton, is the best.

Coach Britton is knee-deep in her second year coaching the Lady Warrior junior high team.

With her coaching, the team's skills, and the school's support, they have accomplished many goals and developed strong relationships. There are 12 talented players on the team.

"We are more than a team; we're family," said manager, Brynn Elliott.



Rylie Stone is open for a pass.

Junior High Boys Press Forward

By Parker Pollard

In spite of the Jr. high basketball team's inexperience, they have never given up, and they have improved in every game, according to Coach Rick

Patton. The leading scorer, Dylan Goats, 8th, and leading rebounder, Josh DeShields, 9th, have been strong leaders all season.

Coach Patton hopes to end the season in February

with all the players having confidence in themselves and each other to win games for Life Way. The last home game of the 2011 - 2012 season will be Jan. 27 against Providence.

Calendar Corner

The Torch Staff

Graphic Design Editor: Griffin Mathews, 8th

Graphic Design Assist. Editor/Reporter:

Kyle Lembke, 8th

Special Features Editor: Annie Kem, 8th

Reporters/Photographers: Brynn Elliott, 6th, Haleigh Hull, 6th, Madison Morris, 6th, Courtney Walters, 6th, Parker Pollard, 6th, Taylor Hull, 7th, Laney Brown, 6th

Sponsor: Jenifer Siemens

{Post Net Advertisement}:

January

26 Speech Meet

27 Jr. High/Sr. Boys' Basketball, Last Home Game

February

3-4 Varsity Dist. Basketball Tourney, LR

9 Chic-Fil-A Night

9 Math Olympics, Conway, Ark.

10-11 Jr. High State Basketball Tourney, LR

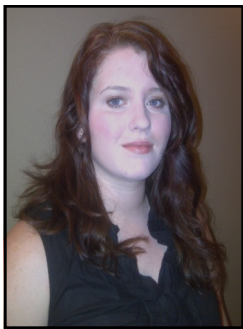
20-21 Teacher In-Service, No School

23 Parent Meeting

16-18 Varsity State Basketball Tourney, Pine Bluff



Senior Spotlight



**Kristen
Conway**

Kristen Conway is one of the Life Way seniors this year.

During her free time, Kristen enjoys cooking. For her senior project, Kristen is writing a children's book with Katrina Yoos. After she graduates, Kristen plans to attend Northwest Arkansas Community College.

One of Kristen's favorite Life Way memories is when she won best in show at the art fair the first year she attended the school.

Patrick Gower

Patrick Gower, son of Michael and Darla Gower, has been a student at Life Way for almost five years.

He enjoys hunting and competing in the Life Way shooting team. Patrick has decided to do his senior project on the gun safety program. After graduation, he is planning to attend Williams Baptist College located in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.



**Joel
Ferguson**

Joel has been at Life Way for six years. He has been on the shooting team at

school for three years, and enjoys archery, chuck wagon racing, and hauling hay outside of school.

After he graduates, Joel plans to attend Northwest Arkansas Community College or become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Joel says his favorite memory at Life Way is playing sports in his junior years.

