

The Newsbolt

School is Back in Session!

By: Ashley Burnett

How exciting! School has started and we're back to long nights of homework. What is really cool is even though there has been a decrease in income for parents, a lot have chosen Joshua Springs, once again. Yay! Were you aware that this year there is only one less

student then there was last year? We now have seventy-eight students in high school, sixty-two students in Jr. High, and 129 in elementary. Even though that is small compared to public schools, we are the largest private school in our area. Most of the same teachers as last year are back and

appreciatively, some new ones too; more on them later. Need something to do after school? Take a break from the books and check out the sports we have this fall. We have Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Cheer, and Pep-band.

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How Much Responsibility is Too Much?

By: Hailey Correll

Jobs teach good skills, but do they make kids grow up too fast?

Jobs can teach you certain skills that can help prepare you for the real world. One very important quality that is gained is how to get along well with superiors and co-workers. One can learn how to fill out job applications and to give an impressive interview.

It has been proven that having a job can help improve confidence level and give a sense of independence. Working at a young age teaches early

money management skills. One of the most moving facts according to more4kids.info seems to be that students who work ten to fifteen hours a week have better grades than those students who don't work at all.

However, it is important to note, found also on more4kids.info, was that students who work more than thirteen hours have lower grades so balance seems to be the key. Most students complain that their job cuts off their social lives, their relationships, and the option of doing extracurricular activities. Students who

work are more likely to drop out of high school to take on their jobs full time. In some cases, this is the problem. Teenagers are becoming adults faster than they should be. Of course, growing up is important but the lack of a childhood gives the need for one later on in life.

You are still young and you will resent yourself later on for taking away your option of having fun and being young.

So go ahead, get a job. The extra cash is great to have, but don't let it take over your life.

Sports Schedule

Varsity Football

9/16 Vs. Westshores
9/24 @ Faith Baptist
9/30 @ Excelsior Edu Ctr
10/7 @ Desert Chapel

JV Football

9/17 Vs. Crossroads Chr.
9/23 @ Nuvlew
9/26 Vs. Excelsior Edu Ctr
10/3 Vs. Bloomington Chr
10/11 @ Cal Lu

Varsity VolleyBall

9/20 Vs. CC Moreno Valley
9/22 @ Mesa Grande Academy
9/27 Vs. Baptist Christian
9/29 @ Redlands Adv. Academy
10/4 @ Desert Chapel
10/6 @ Desert Christian Academy

Making Contact: Helpful Communication Tips

By: Ali Schmidt

When you're applying for a job, giving a presentation, or even greeting someone new, people always want to feel self-assured in what is being said. Even with a simple hello, it's crucial that you get across to the other person the true meanings of your words. According to an article on selfgrowth.com, statistics show that words only count for 7% of your communication, body language counts for 55%, and the other 38% counts for your tone of voice. Words can be potent, but without the proper body language and tone of voice, they might as well be worthless. There are many simplistic things a person may do to

enhance their display of their words. One way to do this is eye contact. Eye contact shows that you are interested in what the other person has to say, that they have your attention and your respect. You may also show your engagement by using *light* hand gestures, keeping your head up, and smiling. Although, there are many ways to show your confidence through your movements, there are also many ways to show insecurity. Try to avoid doing things like crossing your arms, diverting your eyes from the person speaking, and slouching your back. Job interviewers won't even consider hiring someone that doesn't meet their standards, and many people will

feel uneasy around someone who acts insecure. So remember to have 100% sureness in everything you do; confidence and true consideration is key in every conversation.



How do you get Motivated?

By: Hailey Correll

Motivation is the driving force which helps us achieve our goals. It has been proven that one of the best ways to be aided towards a winning streak is pre-game motivation. Most athletes find motivation to be essential in game preparation. The most common form of motivation is self-motivation. This is done by telling yourself things you like to hear. For example, "You're doing well; you're going to win this one." Another common way of motivation is similar to motivation, but comes from listening to 'pump-you-up' type

of songs. Perhaps, make a Game Day playlist and listen to it before your big game. Some people get motivated by hearing their fans shout out their name or hearing their cheerleaders cheer for them in game situations. If you are finding it hard to get



motivated for other things such as doing schoolwork, the best thing to do is choose a long term goal such as a college or career. Having something to look forward to will make you want to get your work done to achieve that 'A' in order to get into that college you want so you can grow up to have a well-paying and rewarding job.

Movies: New in September

From the makers of the movies *Fire Proof* and *Facing the Giants* come their newest release “*Courageous*”. This movie, based around 4 dads who are also policemen, is a movie that will have you laughing, crying and cheering on these men as they fight their biggest challenge of being good dads

while being the best they can be as officers. This movie releases on Sept. 30th and will inspire fathers all across



America in the Courageous Movement. The movie stars Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson and Shane Fuller and is definitely a must see for all Christian families. The movie is rated G but has a strong story line that is God-centered and inspiring!

Mrs. Shaver new to Jr. High

By: Ashley Burnett

Mrs. Shaver is the new Jr. High English and P.E. teacher. She decided to teach at Joshua Spring Christian School because of the small Christian environment; also, her husband is a marine that is stationed in the lovely 29 Palms. Mrs. Shaver had lived in a small town in Pennsylvania where she attended college at the Pennsylvania State University and graduated in 1991. Like any other girl, mother, and student, Mrs. Shav-

er loves to shop, spend time with her family, and read.

Mrs. Shaver said the best thing in being a teacher is to plan lessons that make the students feel engaged. Mrs. Shaver believes that her purpose is not only to teach Jr. High English but to prepare students for their life in society by teaching them responsibility and character.

Mrs. Shaver also has a son, Wade, that attends JS and is in high school.



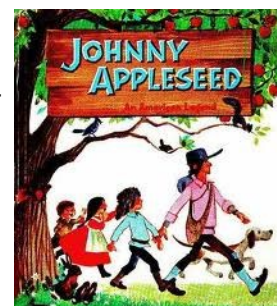
Bizarre Holidays for September

By: Ali Schmidt

When most of us think about holidays in September, we think “Labor Day!”. Apparently, there are many other interesting holidays during September, and by interesting, I mean odd. For example, ‘**Talk-like-a-Pirate-Day**’ is on the 19th, all day you talk in a raspy voice and use phrases that pirates

would say, such as “arrgh” and “matey.” **Johnny Appleseed Day** is on the 26th, which honors the actions of the folk hero Johnny Chapman. To this day, the trees you see planted on the western side of Pennsylvania and New York are due to the trees that were planted by Chapman, AKA Johnny Appleseed. Lastly, there’s **Constitution Week**, which you celebrate by

simply remembering the effort so many Americans put into helping develop such a wonderful country.



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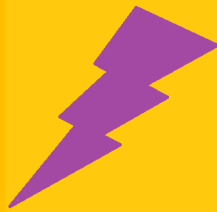
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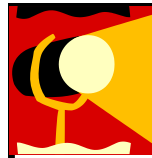
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Spotlight On...

A Devotion

"But You, O Lord, be merciful to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them. By this I know You are well pleased with me, because my enemies do not triumph over me" (Psalm 41:10-11).

Raising Up the Next Generation!

When Ants Attack...

By: Ariel Drennan



Well, students of Joshua Springs, it seems that over the summer, we've had little visitors. You may have seen mounds in the sand

around, they seem to carry little crumbs and bits on their backs. That's right, we're talking about ants, a common little creature from the desert sands.

If you don't know, ants are those little reddish-black dots you see on the ground, usually surrounded by a mound of sand, or commonly

known as an ant-hill. In a colony, there can be up to 100,000 to 500,000 ants, and nearly half of them you can see out in the open. Those ants, called workers, are out to find some food for their colony, so any half-eaten sandwich or a watermelon rind for them is a gourmet feast. However, fire ants are also very protective over their colony, like a knight to a castle, and will use self-defense if the event presents itself. Their bites are not too bad if not a little itchy, but it can get serious if you happen to be allergic. So if you're a young student playing in the sand and running around, make sure to

keep your distance.

But don't worry, there are some ways to avoid these fire ants. First of all, it is advised that you don't leave your backpacks, lunch bags, binders, or any other valuables in the sand. Obviously that's where the ants are, and they just love the smell of a freshly packed lunchable. Second, please try not to throw your half-eaten food and trash on the ground, because that will just lead to more ants coming out and looking for a free meal. Lastly, do **NOT** try to stomp on, throw dirt on, or pour water down the ant-hill, or else...well, it doesn't even need to be said, you'll just simply regret it later on!

Are you a Cyber Bully?

By: Ashley Burnett

What is cyber bullying? Cyber Bullying is willful and a repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cellphones, and other electronic devices. John W. Sheridan said on his Ezine that 41 percent of children who were victims never informed a parent, relative, teacher, or authority figure of the assault

that took place. When you are being bullied, in any possible way, don't be afraid to tell someone, because they can help you.

So, have you ever posted a status on Facebook, or sent a nasty text to someone about another person? Then you are a cyber-bully. The types of cyber bullying can be over phone, email, Facebook, and chat

rooms.

