

The Newsbolt

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Enrollment Increase Brings New Excitement on campus!

By Emily Bell

Joshua Springs Christian School is well known as a small school. Since 1994 it has gone from being a tiny school of 40 students to as many as 400 students and currently is the largest private school in the Morongo Basin. But, where is the school going during these tough economic times? Most parents and students want to know what the next few years at this school are going to look like for them.

Last year there were 253 students at this school. The economy caused the school to lose quite a few more students at the end of the year but the school was able to bounce back with an increase to 274 students;

60 of them new students. That's exciting! Why the new faces? Many families, concerned with the larger class

sizes in public schools, decided to make the change. Also, parents want their children to have a Christian education. Because of this, the school has grown even during a tough economy.

This year, we have one new teacher Mrs. Taylor and two favorite teachers; Mrs. Schooler and Mr. Wagner returning. Many of the teachers have also changed classes within the school to meet the needs of some larger classes, but no



worries, JS only allows class sizes to reach 25 students, unlike public schools that are reaching 40 to 50 students.

Another good thing JS decided to do this year is lower the tuition. That, combined with occasional scholarship money, has helped all around in allowing families to send their children to a safe environment for their education.

Everyone is eager to see what will happen during the 2010-2011 school year. As Mrs. Abel so aptly put it, "I'm excited about what the Lord's going to do here this year. It's a breath of fresh air."

PSAT Testing Coming to JS!

The 8th-11th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT (Pre-SAT) on October 13th at 8am in the Thunderdome. The 11th grade year is a very important year to take the PSAT because of the Merit

Scholarship opportunities for Juniors. Through the PSAT you can track your progress and have access to their web site for further information on college guidance etc. If you have signed up to take the SAT

test, that is ok also. If you are interested, please sign up in the school office. The cost is \$13. Bring a calculator and 2 #2 pencils. Be sure to eat a good breakfast so you will be alert and full of energy.

Waggy is Back for 2010!

By Tiffany McCollum

Pastor Chris Wagner started back teaching this year after a few years of pastoring the High School Youth Group. He teaches Bible and wants to help those of us in doubt or confused about God to discover who God is and understand how God wants us to live. This will be Pastor Chris's fifth year of teaching Bible and he doesn't quite know where God will put him next. Waggy's main focus is to someday be planted in a church somewhere and

pastor. Though he wants to be a pastor someday, if it is God's plan for him to teach another year, he will happily accept.

Pastor Chris' favorite part about teaching is engaging into incredible relationships with students. He loves to get to know and understand his students. Back in the day, Waggy had a small class of mainly seniors, and one day a student named Sunny Purcell walked into class with a hat on. Of course pastor Chris asked him to take

it off, and with a smirk, he did, uncovering a half shaved head. Sunny was known as the class clown and thought it would be funny to shave off all but the back of his head, making it look like those old guys who are going bald.

This was pastor Chris' most memorable moment in his time teaching

Pastor Chris has been married to his wife Shannon for nine years. She is his teammate in everything he does.

New Varsity Volleyball Coach off to Good Start! (5-1)

By M.R. Clyde

Last school year there was some sad news for the volleyball team. Mr. Newcomb was leaving the school and the volleyball team. He had been teaching and coaching here for seven years and has been a great coach.

JS now has a new varsity head coach named Brittany Bragg. Coach Bragg has been playing volleyball since she was in Jr. High, but says that volleyball

was not her first choice of sports; "Actually, I wanted to do ballet, but my mom said that it cost too much to do." So, Coach Bragg went on to play volleyball in high school at Pueblo West High School. She played on JV her freshman year, but then became a swing player for varsity and played varsity for the rest of her high school career. Coach Bragg went on to play volleyball at Colorado Christian University as a front row middle blocker.

"The intensity level of high school volleyball is very different from college." said Bragg.

Coach Bragg decided to coach the Varsity Volleyball team so they wouldn't make the same mistakes she made while in high school volleyball. Bragg's goal for the 2010-2011 is to learn as much as possible and to mentor to the girls. She wants the Varsity Volleyball team to be a competitive team in the victory league.

Girl Talk... Eat, Drink and Talk Freely!

By Emily Bell and M.R. Clyde

Each Friday, during lunch this year, Girl Talk meets in Ms. Sparling's class. It is for all high school girls to come and talk about what goes on in your life. It could be called a place where you can be free; where you know that people won't judge you for what hap-

pens in your life. Girl Talk is full of imperfect girls with imperfect lives. So we talk, eat our free food and grow together. Come join us in D6 starting at 12:15PM and have some fun!



"But, speaking the truth in love, may we grow up in all things into him who is the head- Christ"

Eph 4:15

Varsity Football Set on 7th Trip to CIF Championship!

As most JS fans know, the Joshua Springs football team has been to the CIF championship six times. What you might not know is that if the football team this year goes to the CIF again, they will be the first 8-man football team in history to go to the CIF seven times in ten years. Coach Israel Hagerman believes that they have the potential to do so, and "it would prove how hard those boys work every time they're on the field," he said.

"This year and the team of 2007 have

been the best teams I have seen. Eric McClay, Levi Garrido, and Gregory Lindblom look like the most promising players this year. QB Joseph Leichtner is showing great potential and is ready to take over the team in the future."

Coach Hagerman has coached football for ten years. He started out coaching 7th grade flag football, then moved to Jr. High tackle football and in 2009 took over the high school football team from former coach Jackie Rob-

erts. When asked was it hard taking over for Coach Jackie, Hagerman said "Not really. I was a little nervous at first, but with the help of the other coaches I got over the nervousness very quickly." Coach Hagerman's plans for the future is to keep coaching for as long as he can.



Pep Band 2010 CD Now Available!

The Joshua Springs Pep Band is now selling their latest CD, "Out of Control" as a fundraiser to purchase new equipment and build up the music budget for the school! The CD was recorded at Trackhouse Recording Studio in Irvine, CA last March and a limited release was offered in May of last year! The CD can be purchased from any pep band member or from Mr. Taber in D4! The cost is \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. The CD's

will be available at the home football games as well. So get a copy today! This year's pep band members are Captains David Enos and Justin Barrick, Dillon Saylor, Josh Huntington, Jordon Young, Nick Diliberto, Steven Holy, Robert Prioleau and Daniel

Huntington. Pep Band Rocks!



Athletes in the News!

There are many great athletes on the JS football and volleyball teams but in this issue we want to focus on senior running back Tyler Carlisle and Junior Middle-Blocker Bevan Haskell. Both Tyler and Bevan are dominating players that are exciting to watch. Tyler is currently ranked as the 5th all-time

rusher in JS football history after overtaking the spot previously held by Kollin Woodbury this week. Bevan, has proven herself to be one of the best, if not the best, middle-blocker that we have had at JS. One thing is for sure you don't want to miss these players in action! Go Lightning!



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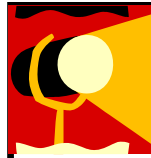
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Spotlight on ...

Associated Servant Leadership (ASL)

The Associated Servant Leadership (ASL) is the student representative body that is the go-between the students and the administration at Joshua Springs. The mission of this organization is to disciple students into leaders through learning how to serve the JS student body. Members plan pep rallies, dances, spirit week; along other events that happen at JS and in the community. This year's members are Lindsey Quiroz, Charles Schlecht, Wynter Roses, Hannah Bogue, Dylan Hadley, Shawn Idnani and Courtney Roberts. They are directed by Mrs. Hagerman.

New Video Games Hitting the Streets!

By Josh Ballinger

The most anticipated new games that are coming out this year are Halo: Reach, and Call of Duty Black Ops. Gamers stood in line for hours at the local Wal-Mart just to be able to get a copy of this new game - Halo: Reach. It is a first person shooter video The game is set in 2552, where humanity is at war with the alien covenant

to save the planet Reach.

The finale "Call of Duty Black Ops" which will be released on November 9, 2010, is the seventh game of the Call of Duty series. It is currently being developed by Treyarch. Black Ops is said to be set in various locations, including Vietnam and Cuba, where you are part of an elite squad that fights the North Vietnamese,

Viet Cong, and Russian Forces.

Both of these games are great games but the staff of the Newsbolt wants to know... Which game do you like the best?

Place your vote and enter a drawing to win two free movie tickets to a movie of your choice! See Mr. Taber in Room D4 to enter the contest!

Is Your Space Safe?

By Rebecca Manley

In the past few years, more and more young adults have been joining the internet community. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and YouTube have all become world-wide phenomena. With every new internet site, however, new threats to privacy emerge, and new security measures that have to be taken.

From 2008 to 2009, the Facebook population grew by 97% meaning that now over 150 million users all around the world can assess your information. Therefore you should always be cautious when posting personal information on the internet. This doesn't just mean email addresses and phone

numbers, but also your location, photos, or daily routine. You never know who may be following you on the internet, and do you really want strangers knowing everything about your life?

To help be safe on sites like Facebook and MySpace, edit your privacy settings so that only friends can see your personal information. Do not accept anyone you do not know as a friend.

Social media sites can be helpful in keeping in touch with old friends and family, but the cyber world can be dangerous. According to crime-research.org, "four out of ten children are sexually propositioned during their time spent online, and about

50% of internet affairs with children involve kids who willingly take part even when they know better."

Be smart about what you do and do not share over the internet because once something is in cyberspace, it is always in cyberspace!

"On Facebook, 273 people know I'm a dog. The rest can only see my limited profile."

