

# THE PORTLAND CHRISTIAN BROADCASTER

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## Who Done It?

By: Lee Merideth

On November 7th & 8th, the curtain rose on another Portland tradition at the Westport campus. The Senior class of 2015 presented "How the Other-Half Dies," a tale of desperation, wealth, and murder. From professional cops to extremely proper socialites, the senior play delivered surprises and laughs to hundreds of delighted family and friends. The senior play captured the essence of good humor and surprise that the cast endeavored to portray.

## Up To Date

By: Ilyvia Carter

This year at Portland Christian, we were blessed with new technology in the form of iPads, Macbooks, and new televisions in each classroom. In my opinion, it has helped a lot. I spoke to some teachers and a student to get more opinions on the school's improvement. It has helped add some personality to class. "I like being able to access videos," stated Mrs. Picklesimer. And it definitely helps with notes. I talked to Abby Lynn and she said, "I think that it helps us a little more with our notes. It's easier to read." But it's still only the beginning, there's a lot more potential. "I think it will help parents and students in the long run," said Mr. Caldwell, "It will be exciting to see how the new technology changes learning for Portland Christian for the better."

## Case for Space

by: Matthew McClellan

The new year began at Portland Christian with a technological bang: smart TVs, new computers, and other technology were added to the classrooms. In addition to new technology, new faces adorn the PCS hallways. Mrs. Susan Brooks has returned to the staff after several years of being away, teaching Art for high school students. In addition, new teachers, Suzanne Albertson (2nd grade) and Jackie Bragg (5th grade) bring new talent and energy into the elementary faculty. New students have put the school at near classroom capacity levels. Room is getting scarce, and even more changes may lay in store for PCS, God willing.





## Paving the Way

By: Alyssa Perry

Being inducted into the National Honor Society is a tremendous honor that is granted to students who excel in learning and responsibility. Just recently, Portland Christian School inducted seven students into the National Honor Society. The students that were recognized were Neil Brangers, Sydney Gregory, Ashley Gurwell, Claire Landers, Samantha Levine, Abby Lynn, and Lindsey Siegel. One student who was recently inducted commented that she was "excited because I get to be a role model." The ceremony was not only for those being inducted, but also for everyone in the high school. It was a very encouraging ceremony showing the younger students the importance of the NHS.

## Awwww Yeahhh!

By: Abby Lynn

During this year's volleyball season a group of senior boys got together and formed a group called the *Cheer Squad* that grew to include many members. At home games they roared with team spirit as they cheered from the bleachers. They even made their own t-shirts. "We cheered no matter what! Winning or losing we always believed!" said member Lee Merideth. "I am a member of the volleyball team and from personal experience I think that the cheer squad did improve the way we played." It also gave us more of a desire to win so that we didn't let people down. "Hopefully after we leave we can get the younger class men to continue," says member Trevor Fields. "And I'm sure the girls would like it if they continued too."

## Tag, You're It!

By: Ilyvia Carter

The Tremont field trip is one trip the 8th graders look forward to every year. From October 15th-17th students, teachers and parents traveled to the Tremont Institute of the Smokies in Tennessee. This year there were about 35 students who went. They participated in many activities like hiking to a waterfall. For the first time in Portland history three students tagged Monarch butterflies, which are soon to be added to the endangered species list. They did activities called "stream life" and tagged butterflies in Cades Cove. They also had a great campfire and got to catch and examine salamanders. Mr. Caldwell said, "I hope it will encourage more kids to investigate God's creation more." I agree. I hope this field trip has given the 8th graders a chance to bond more with each other and with God.





## Run to Live. Live to Run

By: Abby Lynn

Cross Country isn't just about running for fun or leisure; it's about endurance. It's a way of life. With training, running will improve your strength and over time you are able to make it through the long and difficult courses. Jenna Tucker, a junior on the Cross Country team, said, "The hardest race I ran was the Oldham Country Dragon Invitational because there are lots of gradual hills, especially one at the end that just kills you." Running isn't just about working out or testing your endurance - it can also be fun! "I love Cross Country simply because it is a stress reliever. Whenever I run, I forget all the things that are stressing me out and it simply just makes me feel happier," said Jenna Tucker. Not all of the courses are brutally hard. For instance, Zach Siegel said "The easiest race I ran was Tiger Run because there were not many hills and I got my best time there." We shouldn't just give praise to the runners though, we should also praise the coach of Cross Country, Mr. Tucker. Coach Tucker has been coaching Cross Country for many years and a couple of people are wondering why; maybe it's the kids, maybe he likes watching it, or maybe seeing how far and fast someone can run. Well here's his answer: "Honestly, just because I like it. I love kids, I love running and it has never been a burden over the years and I just genuinely love it!" If you're thinking about starting Cross Country, here are some things to keep in mind: running will change your whole life style, you will get fit and make wiser decisions on what to eat, and it helps relieve stress. Running really will change your life for the better!

## The Fun Run

By: Abby Lynn

On the 20th of September at 8:00 AM, there was a 5K race that started at the back of our school and ran all the way through the City of Plantation neighborhood. "The race was really hard at the beginning, but it was fun to finish it off!" said Maddy Williams, who was one of the sixty people who ran in this race. This event raised about \$1800 for our school. How great is that?

## Back to Back

By: Abby Lynn

The 2014 girls volleyball season was a success. The girls were ecstatic as they ended the season for the 2nd time in a row as KCAC champions. They played with heart, played together, gave all they had, and it payed off. Not only was the season successful because of the championship title, but also because of the special bond the girls shared. "We have each others' back on and off the court. I wouldn't trade our team or coaches for anything," said Emma Steele. Here at Portland our sports teams aren't just teams, we're family, and seeing the love for not only the sport, but the love of fellow Christian athletes is truly wonderful. At the end of the game the score isn't everything, but the people on the court are.



