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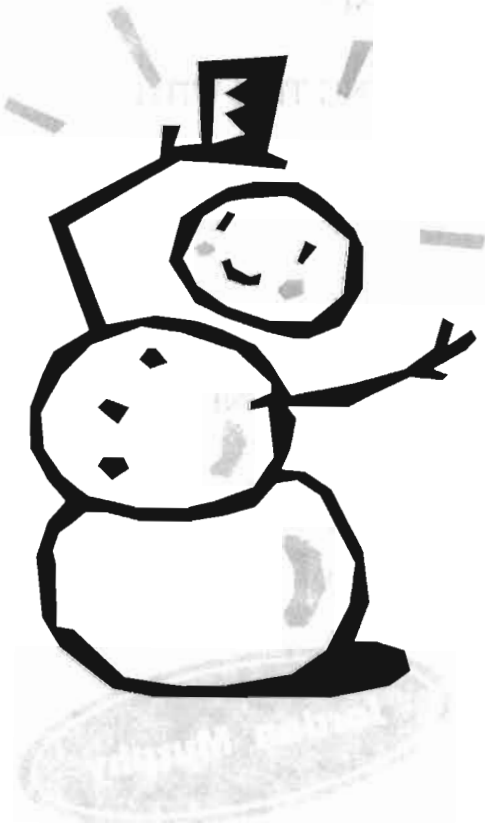
Merry
Christmas

Tiger Chat



Winter Wonderland

The ice storm reminds us how good we have it or how spoiled we are. It depends on your point of view. Most of us aren't used to roughing it or living like the old days with no electricity, heat, or even running water. Days like these remind us to be thankful we didn't live during the "Good old days". What would we have done with no blow dryers, hair straighteners, and microwave ovens? Boiling water to take a bath, going to the outhouse, and cooking over an open fire doesn't sound like fun, does it? We often forget it wasn't that many years ago that everyone lived that way. These past few days have been a reminder of what we take for granted when we should be thankful for the simple things in life. I guess it is good to gain a new perspective on life.



Merry Christmas CHS!



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

MRS. RHODES – THE FOOD AND IT'S A REMINDER OF THE REAL PURPOSE OF LIFE

KOURTNEY READING – MY GRANDMA'S DUMPLINGS

KEVIN BLACK – GETTING TO SEE FAMILY I ONLY GET TO SEE ONCE A YEAR

JESSICA ALLEN – SLEEPING IN

LINDSEY HEATHERLY– SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY

KYLEE WILLIAMS – THE PRESENTS AND SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS

JORDAN MURPHY– GETTING TO SEE ALL MY FAMILY AND SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AND ANDY

RACHEL BURNSIDE – PRESENTS AND SLEEPING IN

MATT COOK – THE COOKIES

LATRISHA HALL– SHE GETS OUT OF SCHOOL AND SIX DAYS AWAY FROM NEW YEAR

SARAH CAMPBELL - FOOD, AND PRESENTS AFTER HER BIRTHDAY

JEANNA LOGAN, JAMIE MOSBY, AND JOSH PILKINTON - SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY

CHRIS GARNER - JESUS

AUSTIN RIGGS - NO SCHOOL

JENNIE WARD AND ASHLEY RUSH - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Jordan Murphy



Andy Williams Rocks!

By: Ashley Rush

On December 13th Mr. Dunn took his group of choir members to see the great Andy Williams. Many of you may not know who Andy Williams is, but I'm here to tell you he's one of the greatest voices of all time. Before the concert, the choir went to Lamberts Café for lunch. Did you know that those people throw rolls at you?

Afterwards we went straight to the Moon River Theatre. When Andy Williams came on stage we were all amazed. I must say, he's the funniest 80-year-old man I've ever met. After the show we actually met him, and received autographs. It was a great lesson that even the oldest of music can touch people of all ages.

Lady Tigers 2nd in Welch Tournament

The CHS Lady Tigers made it to the championship of the Welch Tournament for the second straight year. In route to the finals, CHS breezed passed Chetopa 58-29. Next the girls' took on the Watts Engineers, beating them 64-34. For the Championship game, the Lady Tigers faced the St. Paul Indians. CHS had high hopes for a repeat of last year. However, this year was not the happy ending the team hoped for. St. Paul defeated CHS, but the girls look to bounce back from that loss in the first conference game against Fairland on Dec. 18. The last game for 2007 will be at Welch on Friday, Dec. 21! Good Luck girls and finish out the year on a winning note!

Tiger Basketball

Commerce Tiger basketball has been off to a bad start. The boys won 5th in the Welch tournament. We now have a few players back in the game coming back from having bad grades. We all are hoping to do better. The Tigers play Welch this Friday night at their place. We will be looking forward to a win. Even though we have started off bad, everybody needs to come and support us. We will make sure we are not laughed at again.

by Matt Cook



Go TIGERS!



Formal Rules of Etiquette During a Power Outage

By: Ms. Ng

Jordan Murphy

1. All clothing rules such as matching and ironing are null and void during a power outage and it is extremely rude to point out that navy blue pants, black shoes and a dark gray t-shirt don't really go together. Everything matches when it's pitch black inside your closet and nothing looks wrinkled in the dark.
2. If you are fortunate enough to have power, you should not fix your hair until all of your co-workers also have power. Nothing is more irritating to those of us with flat, straight hair than to sit next to Miss Bouncy Hair who had the advantage of a working hair dryer, curling iron, and hot rollers in a heated bathroom.
3. If your power comes back on but your neighbors' has not, it is in very poor taste to turn on all 100,000 of your outdoor Christmas lights. Give it a rest. We are sitting in the dark burning our 1 remaining candle and the glow of your Christmas lights across the street is not giving us a warm, fuzzy feeling.
4. If you have power, don't ask the have-nots "Did you see the news last night?" or "Did you watch Law and Order? It was the best show ever." or "Did you read that article in the Joplin Globe?"
5. Don't call in to work to say you're running a few minutes late because the homemade cookies in your oven are not quite done and don't come to work without at least 2 dozen of them.
6. You power (P) people stop telling us non-power (NP) people to stay warm- What don't you understand about "WE DON'T HAVE POWER." There is no way to stay warm!
7. Don't be asking "What's that smell" when you are sitting next to a non-power person. Showers are a luxury that the NP's do not have unless one of you P's wants to give us access to yours.

Ice, Cold, Candles, and More Candles

By: Jordan, Kylee, and James

Coach Fenderson- Lost 20% of my trees

Bev- No electric for two days, watched TV on a battery, operated television wearing gloves and layers of clothes

Mariah Adams- It was horrible because I had no where to take a shower or charge my cell phone.

April Brock- There was no school so I didn't care.

Matt Cook- Kyle was upset because there was no school, I had to stay with James Sullivan and Bryson Sullivan.... I feel sorry for Coach Fenderson losing all those trees :(

Sean Richard- I was really cold, couldn't take a warm shower, didn't get my usual three meals a day, and I stayed with Dusty Williams.

Jordan Glover- Slept on the floor for six days and still don't have power. Its ridiculous!

Mr. Buttram- It cost me a lot of money.

Mrs. Ng- made the best of it by grilling out, playing games, telling stories, and laughing

Ms. B- ready to have bonus points for any boys that could pick up tree limbs

Mrs. Andrews- 1. I learned that there is a difference between freezing rain and sleet.

2. I learned that electric garage door openers have a safety switch that allows you to open the door manually. (I learned this after my truck sat in the garage for two days.)

3. I learned that remote telephones did not work because they required electric, but the old "jack" phone worked fine. (Thank god we still had them.)

4. I learned that without TV, radio, or computers you were totally cut off from the outside world, which was very BORING. (I wrote this letter at 4:30am on Tuesday.)

5. I learned that certain foods had to be eaten first, while other foods lasted much longer (a box on the front porch served as an excellent refrigerator) and food will stay frozen in a freezer longer if you "Don't open the door."

6. I learned that cell phones had to be charged with electric or a car charger. (The outlets at the casino worked fine.)

7. I learned that daddy and I reminisced and reflected more during that time than we had in months (but I still wanted my electric).

8. I learned that it is hard to read by candle light (and I love to read).

9. I learned that "cabin fever" set in about the third day. (How did people manage in the 1850's?) They didn't miss what they didn't have.

10. And finally, even though we are six days and counting without electric it could have been a lot worse. (There are horror stories everywhere).



Senior Survey!!

Full name: Shala Denae Pannell
Birthday: November 17, 1989
Favorite people: 2nd hour Spanish
 II Gang
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite song: East to West
Favorite band/singer: Allen Lorton
Favorite show/movie: Grey's Anatomy
Favorite dessert: Brownies
Favorite actress: Sandra Bullock
Favorite class: Mrs. McLain's 2nd
 hour chemistry class last year.
Funniest friend: Amanda
Loudest friend: Carlos
Boyfriend: No
Favorite teacher: Ms. Napier
Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate
Favorite restaurant: Johnny Carinos
Who do you admire: My mom
Favorite place to shop: American
 Eagle
Favorite carnival ride: The Ferris
 Wheel

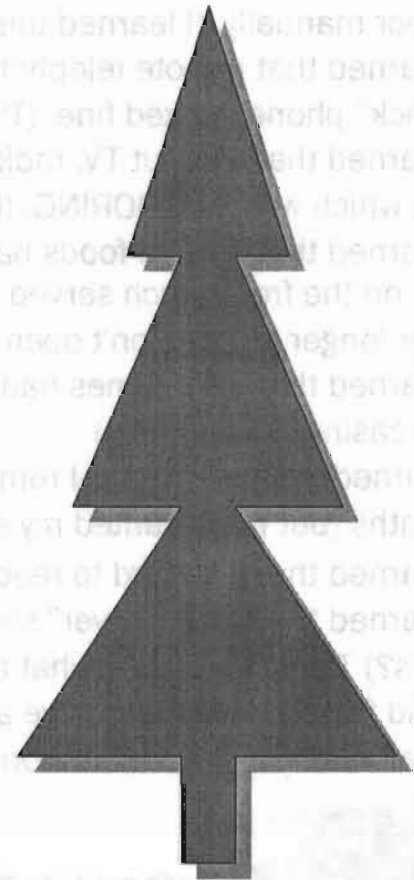
Band and Choir Christmas Concert

By: Kevin Black

Monday, December 17 at 7:00 the Band and Choir held a Christmas concert. The concert went very well, especially since we had very little practice time due to the ice storm. The high school band and choir performed as well as the middle school bands. Congratulations to Jesse Black and Casey Ng for helping the seventh grade band.

Toilet Talk

Thanks to an awesome idea inspired by Mrs. Napier a new section will be featured in every stall in every restroom in our school.. Sooo watch out!



Artist Pick of the Month?

Submitted By: Chelsea McQuigg

Sorry chilins, but due to my Christmas spirit and extreme laziness, I put together fifteen Christmas songs for your holiday jam. I found some at www.purevolume.com and I would *never* download them off limewire. To the four people who will actually check out these super phreaking dragon fun songs: I love you. Have an awesome Christmas and unless you want my favorite rock bands for the rest of the year for your Artist Pick of the Month, **REQUEST SOMETHING!**

Song Title - Artist // Genre

White Christmas - **Jamie Randolph** // Techno/Prettyish

I Celebrate The Day - **Relient K** // Christian

Let It Snow - **Frank Sinatra** // Oldies

Santa Claus Is Back In Town - **Elvis** // Classic Rock

Yule Be Sorry - **Aaron Gillespie (Underoath) & Kenny Vasoli (The Starting Line)** // Alternative/Rock

El Burrito Sabanero - **Juanes** // Spanish IVVVV

Winter Wonderland - **Garth Brooks** // Country

I Won't Be Home For Christmas - **Blink 182** // Punk/Rock

Oh Holy Night - **Barlow Girl** // Christian

Last Christmas - **Ashley Tisdale** // Powermetal/Disney Channel

Redneck 12 Days of Christmas - **Jeff Foxworthy** // Comedy

All I Want For Christmas - **My Chemical Romance** // Rock

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas - **Mariah Carey** // R&B/Pop/HipHop

Loyd Christmas - **Lepricons On Acid** // Gym Shorts?

The Last Christmas - **Emery** // Alternative/Rock