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COMMUNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

by Jessie Ascencio

SARASOTA--On November 10, students and faculty from Community Christian School joined to plant flowers at Life Care Center of Sarasota. The students had an incredible opportunity to serve their community.



Service matters. Juniors Tyler Greenhalgh and Daniel Tran minister to the residents at Life Care of Sarasota by filling a planter with beautiful begonias.

They planted four hundred flowers in the center of the nursing home where the residents relax outside and enjoy fresh air. Sophomore Anna Tran stated, "It was a fun experience to bring joy to so many people by doing a simple service like planting flowers."

It took the students nearly two hours to complete their task, but seeing the people's faces when they finished was a great reward for their hard work. Junior Titus Moore said, "We had a great time

serving our community at the nursing home. We got to meet some of the residents while we planted flowers. I can't wait until our next project!"



Modeling service to others, Mrs. Rose Bollom works with junior Megan Meeth to be a blessing to the residents.

Nina Willingham, executive director of Life Care of Sarasota, said, "A few

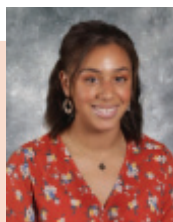
members of the Junior and Sophomore Classes took a large area full of weeds and turned it into a beautiful planter with red and white begonias. The residents and their families spend time admiring the flowers now. They have all expressed their appreciation to the students for their hard work. I was very pleased with the way the entire group worked as a team to get the job done." Thanks to

these ten willing Crusaders, the residents at the nursing home can now enjoy the beautiful flowers the students planted.

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Life Care of Sarasota

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

December:

- 6: Elementary Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
- 13: Secondary Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
- 18-21: Early Dismissal Secondary Exams
- 24-1/6: Christmas Break
- 24-25: No Childcare

View the full calendar of events on our website.

EL Christmas Program, 12/6

Our elementary students will present a program of Christmas songs, Scripture, and more at their concert on December 6. Admission is free and open to the public. Come and celebrate Christmas at Community!

JH/SH Christmas Program, 12/13

Our junior and senior high students will present a Christmas program at their concert on December 13. Admission is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy a celtic styling of "What Child Is This?," "Jingle Bells Upside Down," and other favorites.

Exam Schedule, 12/18-21

Students in grades 7-12 will finish the first semester with exams on December 18-21. These days are 1:00 p.m. dismissal for all grades. The office will release an exam schedule soon.

Christmas Break, 12/24-1/6

CCS will have no classes on December 24 through January 6. Enjoy Christmas vacation and remember to thank God for the Gift of Jesus!

No Child Care, 12/24-12/25

There will be no child care on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. Enjoy the Christmas holiday with your friends and family.

Say Thank You! Apple Offering 2018



In his 1933 address to the National Union of Christian Schools, Dr. J. Gresham Machen, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, had this to say about Christian school

teachers: "You have set an example for the whole Christian world; you have done a thing which has elsewhere been neglected, and the neglect of which is everywhere bringing disaster. Above all, may our God richly bless you, and of His grace give you a reward with which all the rewards of earth are not for one moment worthy to be compared!"

You are invited to be involved in the 2018 Apple Offering which funds Community's faculty and staff Christmas bonuses. The school office will provide envelopes for donations, or you can donate on our website: communitychristianfl.org. Even if you can't give financially, remember to pray daily for our faculty and staff.

History Helps: A Good Name



Once upon a time, there was a great American hero who became a general during the American Revolution. He served valiantly in several battles including the first major battle of the war at Fort Ticonderoga as well as at Saratoga, a key victory in America's fight for

independence. This man was wounded in service to his nation and was a close friend of George Washington.

His name was Benedict Arnold. People have forgotten his great service and most often associate his name with the word *traitor*. During the war, Arnold began associating with people sympathetic to the British. He desired glory and felt he was being passed over for promotion. In the end he became the most famous traitor in America's history. He should have considered the words of King Solomon in Proverbs 22:1: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

Caleb Merrill
Social Studies

Crusader Corner: Home-opener Win



With a home-opener victory on November 12, the varsity men started the season off right. Sophomore Diego Mendez (12) played a great game against Calvary Baptist Christian School and helped the team bring home a 46-35 victory. Sophomore Colin

Farrell (32) led the team with nineteen points, and seventh grader Jalen Yutzy (11) outscored his own age with fourteen points.



- Tuesday, 11/27** Varsity Girls @Central Baptist 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys @Central Baptist 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 11/30** **Junior Varsity vs. Grace Christian 4:15 p.m.**
Varsity Girls vs. Grace Christian 5:45 p.m.
Varsity Boys vs. Grace Christian 7:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, 12/04** Junior Varsity Girls @Land O'Lakes Christian 3:00 p.m (non-conference)
Junior Varsity Boys @Land O'Lakes Christian 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls @Land O'Lakes Christian 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Boys @Land O'Lakes Christian 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 12/11** **Varsity Girls vs. Central Baptist 4:30 p.m.**
Varsity Boys vs. Central Baptist 6:00 p.m.

Full game schedule, dismissal/return times and links to maps and directions are on our website: communitychristianfl.org.

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