

Picking Pumpkins

By: Mary Wilson

Most families at Covenant buy pumpkins each year from the pumpkin patch when the school takes its annual fieldtrip to the one located in Perkins.

Pumpkins grow on vines and generally ripen between late September and early November. You are probably accustomed to seeing these round orange gourds around Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Pumpkins can be used for many things, from making pies to playing games like bowling.

The majority of students and their parents use pumpkins to carve faces on, like traditional

Jack 'O' Lanterns, but that's not all you can do with them.

For example, some take the seeds from the carved pumpkin, and

after cleaning, bake them on a cookie sheet for a tasty fall treat; or

make a pie out of the actual pumpkin for Thanksgiving dinner. Brett Mitchell's family even makes pumpkin soup.

In addition to being carved, pumpkins can also be painted, or drawn on with permanent marker.

Pumpkins can be easily used for decorations, by placing them on your front porch, either carved or in their natural state. They will often last for several months if left uncarved.

Whatever you prefer to use them for, pumpkins make a wonderful addition to the season's festivities.



ABOVE: Claudia Baxter, Joy Rong, Dallin Reese were all smiles at the pumpkin patch.

BELOW LEFT: Aedon Harper and Sam Boozer searched for little orange pumpkins.

BELOW RIGHT: Lane Driskill stops to wave hello after he found his pumpkin. (Photos by Ms. Boozer)



Giving Thanks

By: Jesse Kraybill

The celebration of Thanksgiving started when the Native Americans shared food with the European settlers—the Pilgrims.

Those people gave thanks for the many blessings God and their fellow man had pro-

vided them.

At this time of year, Americans not only think back to those times, but also consider all the things they have to be thankful for in their lives.

The students at Covenant are no different. Brett Mitchell, for instance, is thankful for

our military. Edyn Rolls says, "I am most thankful that Jesus died on the cross and suffered for me."

With everything we have to be grateful for, you shouldn't be short of thanks this Thanksgiving.

Art Trip

By: Dylan Everett

On Friday, the 4th of October, the high school and middle school classes went to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Featured at the museum were many pieces of Roman art from The Louvre, a famous art museum located in France.

Awe was inspired among the students who viewed the art. The quality and beauty of the ancient works (many of them thousands of years old) was hard to believe. Some students even revisited the exhibit at a later date to

see them again.

In addition to the ancient Roman art exhibit, the museum also features a resident artist, Dale Chihuly.

Chihuly manipulates glass in ways ordinary people might think impossible. He has constructed many 'statues', some of which are three or more stories tall. His skill is impressive and his works range from small glass birds, to colorful, abstract giants in the world of art.

Charity Martin confesses, "The museum inspired to find the artist within myself."

Every student has gained something from



Above: Vinny Brocato looks through a piece of modern art at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. CCS students were able to touch the art on the 3rd floor. (Photo by Megan Sawyer)

the fieldtrip and will hopefully contribute their newfound knowledge to those around

them. Students also wrote a report on one piece of art they saw at the exhibit.

November Calendar

Nov 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving In Your Home

By: Charity Martin

Have you ever thought of all the different things there are to do for Thanksgiving?

Sometimes it's hard to get away from your family traditions, but there are many different ways to celebrate the holiday. Some students take a vacation.

For instance, The Kraybill family spends their Thanksgiving at The Gulf Shores condo-

minium on North Padre Island. They lounge about on the beach, and eat Thanksgiving dinner with friends and other guests.

One young student, Lane Nasalroad, spends his Thanksgiving in a more traditional way, "eating chicken [turkey] and [pumpkin pie] at Grandpa's."

Keelyn Schaefer's family sometimes goes to Mimy and Papa's house where they, "cook

a lot of stuff and thank God for Jesus."

Food is also an important part of Thanksgiving. Sema Boozer says, "we go to Wal-Mart and get special stuff for dinner."

Some students favorite foods are more traditional like turkey. Danae Ray says, "It is like chicken, and I like chicken."

"Pumpkin pie is my favorite food, because it is sweet and yummy and

good with lots of whipped cream on it," states Paige Brocato.

Pumpkin pie is also Rachel Peek's favorite dessert, but, "green bean casserole is my favorite because of its unique flavors."

Edyn Rolls says, "For Thanksgiving, my whole family comes to my house and everyone brings some kind of food and we feast!"

Brianna Martin exclaims, "My favorite

food is bon bon's for Thanksgiving because they are bomb."

Ivie Shwartz spends her Thanksgiving with her family, "We have time together and eat roast and all kinds of stuff."

This Thanksgiving don't forget to thank the good Lord for all He has done, and given you. Remember, it doesn't matter how you spend your Thanksgiving, but who you spend it with.

Football

By: Rachael Woods
and Robert Beem

From couches to bleachers to football fields, people across America gather together to watch and play one of the most popular sports in our country, football.

There are several CCS students who play football, and even more who enjoy watching the game.

Robert Beem, a seventh grader, has played flag football with the YMCA for three years. His number is eight and

his main position is wide receiver. He says, "I think it's pretty fun when I catch the football and run to the end zone."

Tyger Walters says that he has improved his speed and ball handling skills by playing this sport.

Vinny Brocato is a sixth grader who plays tackle football. His number is seven, and his favorite football memories are when he and his team win games. Most of all, Vinny enjoys tackling people during

his games.

Gannon Reese plays on the Stillwater Pioneer little league team. He is number thirty two, and he plays tackle football. His favorite football memory is not from his own team experience, but rather when the OSU Cowboys won against Missouri this year.

Each one of these students plays hard and enjoys playing this sport even though it requires a little blood, sweat and tears.

Parents: Remember to schedule a conference time with your child's teacher!

Christmas Planning



By: Megan Sawyer

When it comes time for giving gifts, it's nice to stray away from the clichés of ordinary stocking stuffers such as candy; the dynamic duo, underoos and socks; or the occasional lump of coal.

Martha Stewart has some creative ideas. Lavender organza sachets are an alternative to mothballs in your dresser drawers, and decorative boxes of gourmet toffees are great stocking stuffers for your family and friends.

Lavender Organza Sachets

Tools and Materials:

Two 4-inch squares of organza
Matching thread
Sewing needle
Pins
Lavender (dried)
Rosemary, tansy, cinna-

mon, or cloves
Pouch
Funnel
Mixing bowl
Pinking shears
Decorative ribbon

Directions:

1. Pin together two 4-inch squares of organza, and sew a tight zigzag stitch around the perimeter, leaving a 1/2 - inch seam allowance; keep a 1-inch opening on the side.
2. Mix two parts of lavender with one part rosemary, tansy, cinnamon, or cloves. Pour the mixture into the pouch with a funnel.
3. Sew the opening closed with a tight zigzag stitch, and trim the edges with pinking shears.
4. Make three or four sachets, and tie them together with a decorative ribbon to present as a gift.

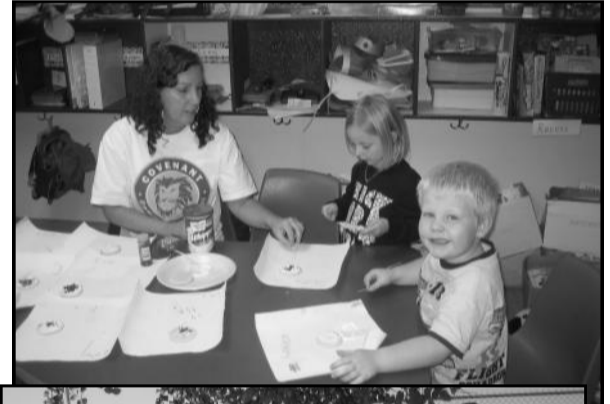
Chocolate Covered Toffee

Ingredients:

1 cup chopped roasted almonds
1 cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons water
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup or more chocolate chips

Directions:

Sprinkle half the almonds on a buttered 9x13 inch pan. Melt butter in a heavy sauce pan; add sugars and water, mix well. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook to "hard crack stage". Remove from heat, QUICKLY stir in baking soda. Pour carefully over almonds, let set for about 5 minutes, sprinkle chocolate chips over top, press in or spread. Let cool, break into pieces and enjoy.



Spide Celebration

