

The Flame

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Book Character Day at Shekinah this year was an exciting event where the students and staff dressed up as their favorite characters from books they had read. This year they were supposed to bring the book to show.

On Book Character Day the winners of the “We Are Readers” contest from the month of October were announced. The students out-read the staff this year, so the students who participated got ice cream on November 15.

The number of pages read by the top readers in 6th-12th were: Abigail De Telder: 5,500, Sophia Beachy: 4,200, Anna Gingerich: 4,000, David Gingerich: 3,884. In K-5th the minutes read by the top readers were: Cade Luttrull: 6,720, Jacoby Oxley: 3,350, Hannah Slaubaugh: 2,895, and Jude Luttrull: 2,175.



Book Character Day

November 6

~by Joe Henson (12th)

LEARNING ABOUT ROSEDALE INTERNATIONAL

by Elijah Yutzky (12th)

October 23 — Connor Slabaugh



Shekinah's student body had the opportunity to hear **Connor Slabaugh '22** share about Rosedale International and three RI programs. He shared about City Challenge, a five day inner-city outreach opportunity designed for youth groups and high school students. Next, Connor shared about Rosedale International's Reach program. Reach is a foreign missions program aimed towards young adults who are looking to grow in their relationship with Christ while also spreading the Word. Finally, Connor explained Rosedale International's Internship program. The

Internship program is also aimed towards young adults; however, instead of foreign missions, they are more focused on growing as leaders in the church while conducting domestic missions work.

GOD HEALS OUR BROKENNESS

by Max Kilzer (12th)

October 30 — Jordan Smith



In a chapel address to the entire student body, Jordan Smith, the pastor of the Faith Assembly Worship Center in London, OH, talked about our brokenness. Jordan began in Exodus

34:18, and Psalm 103:2-3. Spiritual healing is more important than physical healing. In the end our body will pass and our spirit will live on, so it is more important for us to let Him clean and heal us spiritually. He mentioned the fact that God will forgive.

He read Isaiah 61:1 — "Jehovah Rapha— God our Healer" — which says there is freedom and hope in Jesus. Jordan came to proclaim healing and freedom and hope. Jehovah Rapha!

15:22-27 by talking about Jehovah Rapha which is a name for God meaning Healer. Jordan continued by admitting how hard it is to find and recognize God in the midst of our brokenness. He talked about how he had lost his brother and his best friend in the same year. He felt broken and with no hope saying, "How can I even move on with life?" He then talked about how although the Israelites were complaining and felt broken, God made a way. Moreover, Jehovah Rapha does more than physical healing. He can make bitterness sweet, corruption can be made clean, brokenness can be mended, and restored. Sometimes we don't think Jehovah Rapha is there because we run to other things like relationships, and ourselves. We think we can deal with our problems by ourselves and work everything out on our own strength. Jordan said that even in the midst of loss, bitterness, and brokenness, we must seek Jesus. Some other scriptures he used to talk about Jehovah Rapha were Jonah 2:5-7, Psalm

Jordan then challenged us. He told us that if we were struggling with brokenness or temptation in any way to come to the front of the chapel to pray with someone. The majority of the students went to the front. It was very moving!



KNOWLEDGE IS NOT ENOUGH

by Aaron Humphries (12th)

November 6— Mr. Todd Charles



On the first Wednesday of the month Todd Charles, spoke in chapel about God and His wisdom and how our earthly knowledge alone is not enough. Mr. Charles who teaches science, health and phys. ed, said that wisdom is defined as: *the ability to judge what is true, right, or lasting*. From an earthly perspective, wisdom often comes from experience and expansive knowledge.

By spending time invested in scripture and discipleship, as followers of Christ we are able to gain knowledge about God, and with that spiritual knowledge



comes wisdom. Students learned that we cannot rely on knowledge alone. Wisdom from God and obeying Him will sustain us in our daily lives. Mr. Charles was also gracious enough to speak in the second hour of the day to the elementary students.

FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

November 13 — Tyler Lyon

by Alex Bauermeister (12th)

This past Wednesday, on November 13th, Tyler Lyon spoke in chapel about how we as Christians shouldn't let our friends follow the path of evil, and we should help them turn to God. An example he mentioned was from 2nd Samuel where a man named Ziba showed humility when he helped Saul's grandson, a crippled man named Mephibosheth, to get to King David.

Ziba then betrayed Mephibosheth by claiming he was disloyal. Although Ziba did a terrible thing, David still forgave him and offered reconciliation between Ziba and Mephibosheth by splitting land between them.

Tyler spoke about how Christians can relate with this story because it shows how we can forgive and be proactive by reaching out to our friends who are in need of encouragement, even if we may think that we aren't qualified because we are sinners too.



SHEKINAH STUDENTS MAKE AN IMPACT

“Oftentimes when you think of a mission trip you think of going as an adult, so it was really cool to share with them that you can go as a kid, and you don’t have to be an adult to be used by God.”

From August 30th to September 7th, the Masula family, Margo, Lydia and their parents, went on a mission trip to Kakira, Uganda. The main part of their mission trip was to build relationships with people and share the Gospel at a Care Point.

“We supported them and showed that there are people who support them all the way across the ocean and that love God,” sophomore Lydia Masula said.

The Care Point is an organization where the kids who need support can go so that they and their family can be sponsored by families in the Lifepoint

community churches.

“My favorite part was being with the kids and them remembering our names because we would show up and they would yell ‘Lydia!’ and the hugs. It was like a hug from Jesus.”

The mission trip included 19 young adults

and adults. The group was sent from their church through Hope Crest International.

“If you’re considering going on a mission trip, just go. You’re not going to regret it; if anything you’re going to regret not doing it. It’s an opportunity you are not always going to get so you should take that chance even for the experience,” junior Margo Masula said.

Lydia and Margo had the opportunity to speak to Shekinah’s elementary chapel on October 23rd. The elementary students engaged in conversation about the girls’ experiences and asked many questions about the animals in Africa.

“Be open to what God can use you for because you can go on the trip and have an expectation of what God is going to do there, and then He can use you in a completely different way than you expected,” Lydia Masula said.



WHAT IS THE TEACHER'S AIDE PROGRAM?

by Emma McDowell (12th)

Shekinah's student teacher's aide program gives high school students the opportunity to help teachers. This year there are 19 students in this program! This is beneficial to students by giving them the opportunity to experience what it may be like if they were a teacher, allows them to grow in their leadership skills, interact with younger students, etc. Not only does it benefit the student, but the teacher as well! Students aide teachers in various things including: grading papers, planning projects, making copies, helping with recess and with students who may need extra assistance, etc.



Quintin Purdy (9th) checks papers for Miss Ferguson's 6th grade Bible class.

Jaden Denney (11th)

Jaden is a teacher's aide for Mrs. Schrader, Shekinah's 9th—12th grade English teacher. This is Jaden's first year participating in the Teacher's Aide Program. Jaden's favorite part about being a teacher's aide is getting to grade papers. Advice Jaden would give to those looking at being a part of this program in the future is "Do it, because it's enjoyable and an easy 1/2 credit!"

Grace Ferguson (12th)

This is Grace Ferguson's third year being a teacher's aide. She is a teacher's aide for Mrs. Proper (2nd grade). She chose to be a part of this program so that she could be involved and connected with the younger kids at Shekinah! Her favorite part about being a teacher's aide is getting to play with the second graders at recess and PE. She also enjoys having one on one time with the students. Some advice Grace would give to those looking into this program would be to "take the opportunity to make a positive pact on the kids in our school!"

Mia Pierce (12th)

Mia is a teacher's aide for Mr. Hershberger's Algebra 1 class. She became a teacher's aide because she is considering pursuing a secondary education degree following high school! Her favorite part about being a teacher's aide is being able to be a part of a classroom environment and getting to teach the students. She recently had the opportunity to teach an Algebra I class under the direction of Mr. Hershberger. She said, "It was cool being able to use the smartboard and communicating with students. This was an experience I might not have had if attending a public school." Some advice she would give to future teacher aides is if you're considering it, do it, because it will put you into a classroom setting and help you decide if that's what you would like to pursue as a career.



Chloe Groff (9th) is Mrs.Conte's 3rd grade aide.

Graci Higgins (11th)

This is Graci's first year as a teacher's aide. She is an aide for Miss Linette (5th grade). Her favorite part of being a teacher's aide for the 5th grade is getting to have recess with them and talking with them at their lunch! Recently, the 5th graders decorated Graci's locker for her birthday. When asked what advice she would give to future teacher's aides, she said, "Just have fun and enjoy it! Graci said that the 5th graders are sweet students!"

2024 FALL SPORTS SEASON REFLECTIONS

JH Volleyball Flame Report 2024

By Kate Helmuth (8th)

This volleyball season our record was 14-4. We were coached by Angela Helmuth. She is a great coach, and she pushed us to be the best players we can be for God. We learned to work together as a team and to show God's love to everyone we played against. Overall, I enjoyed the season very much. It was always fun to ride in the van with the team to the games and just be with all of the great girls on the team.



JH "A" TEAM AWARDS

Most Improved Award: Stella Kosik

Coaches' Award: Emma Kramer

Flame Award: Sophia Nofziger



JH "B" TEAM AWARDS

Most Improved Award: Kaylen Burns

Coaches' Award: Sophia Beachy

Flame Award: Kayley Yoder

JV Volleyball Season Report

by Grace Mullett (12th)



AWARDS

Most Improved Award: Aleia Troyer

Coaches' Award: Rachel Eichorn

Flame Award: Elaina Kosik

MVP Award: Rebecca Eichorn

The junior varsity volleyball team this year was close. They had many laughs on and off the court. Even when they were behind, they were making the best of their time. Chloe Groff said, "It was a good year. We had good chemistry with each other. We lifted each other up on and off the court." Rachael Eichorn added, "This team was really fun. We learned a lot, and we had a great time throughout the season. The team was really close which made the season even better." JV Volleyball was coached by Ashley Gingerich and Savannah Knepp.

2024 FALL SPORTS SEASON REFLECTIONS

Varsity Volleyball Flame Report

Isaac Showalter (12th)



Shekinah's varsity volleyball team had an amazing season this year. Head coach, Colleen Showalter stated, "With only four returning varsity players, it was hard to know what to expect, but we exceeded my expectations, and I'm really proud of what we achieved" Together, the

team has become district champions for two consecutive years! The varsity team had no seniors this year, so next year they can just pick up right where they left off. Nava Showalter, the varsity team captain, said, "It was really fun watching the team build chemistry and bond throughout the season. Winning districts and getting to regional semifinals was just a bonus that came along with the season." The team was coached by Colleen Showalter, assisted by Linette Shetler, Ashley Showalter and Savannah Knepp. Lisa Johnson did conditioning with the team.

VARSITY AWARDS

Most Improved Award: Jayden Denney

Coaches' Award: Haylee Beachy

Flame Award: Eleyna Beachy

MVP Award: Nava Showalter

Special Recognition: Elaina Kosik

1st Team MOCAL & 1st Team All-District:

Haylee Beachy, Nava Showalter

2nd Team MOCAL & 2nd Team All-District:

Eleyna Beachy,
Marly Johnson

**Player of the Year
for Central District
& 3rd Team All-Ohio:**

Nava Showalter



Golf Season Report

During Tim Jackson's six years of coaching golf at Shekinah, five golfers made it through sectionals and got to districts. Junior, Adam Barnett, achieved that goal this year. This year they finished 4 out of 9 with a team of five golfers. Coach Jackson's players know why they play: 1) To glorify God. 2) To represent the school and their families with integrity. 3) To win.

Tim's observation was that Shekinah is one of the smallest schools but with the largest turnout in fans. He also said that other coaches would come to him and tell him they were inspired by our team of guys by the ways they conducted themselves. Adam Barnett is the captain of the team and has played at Shekinah since his freshman year. His favorite part of this year was "having a group of guys and fans who were supportive throughout the season."



GOLF AWARDS

Most Improved Award: Jayce Yoder

Coaches' Award: Ethan Helmuth

Flame Award: Quintin Purdy, Noah DiCarro

MVP Award: Adam Barnett

Fall Field Trips to The Maize

by Jacob Newman (12th)

Third Grade

The third, first, and kindergarten grades all went on field trips to The Maize at Little Darby Creek! The third graders had a blast going on a hayride to a pumpkin field, where they got to pick from various pumpkins and gourds. They enjoyed the many activities at The Maize, including miniature golf, a big jumpy inflatable trampoline, and of course, a corn maze! They got to eat lunch at The Maize, and had a wonderful opportunity to give some lunch to the goats. The third graders had a great time at The Maize, and enjoyed the fun field trip day!



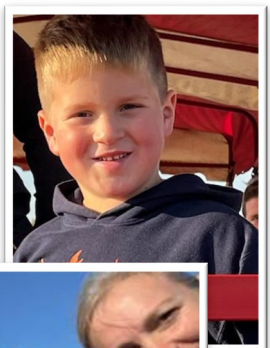
First Grade

The first graders also got the chance to pick out some pumpkins at The Maize! They learned all about corn, and the numerous products that corn can make. They had a lot of fun sliding down slides, going through a corn maze, racing rubber ducks, and taking a ride in a cow-cart-train! They also enjoyed many other activities that The Maize had to offer. Overall, the first graders made the most of their day at The Maize, and had a ton of fun!



Kindergarten

The kindergarteners also shared in the fun activities The Maize had to offer! They too learned about corn, and the many useful products it can make. They got to pick out pumpkins, just like third and fourth graders, as well as having the chance to eat lunch and participate in many of The Maize's activities. They even got to play on The Maize's playground! The kindergarteners thoroughly enjoyed their time out from school, and had so much fun at The Maize!



4th & 5th Grade Trips to Ohio Caverns

by Jacob Newman (12th)

Fourth Grade

On October 22, the fourth grade got the chance to go to the Ohio Caverns! They spent some of their day mining for gems! It was a beautiful fall day, and they got the chance to eat lunch while they were there. They were able to see and learn all about stalagmites and stalactites. The caverns were cool, in both ways, and the fourth graders thoroughly enjoyed their time there. Overall they had a wonderful time and loved their trip to the caverns!



Fifth Grade

A week later, on October 29, the fifth graders also went to the Ohio caverns for their field trip! They too had a ton of fun mining for gems. It was a beautiful day, and they got to take advantage of that to go and see some more of God's beautiful and awesome creations, like stalagmites and stalactites! After they came back from their trip, the fifth graders played some games here at Shekinah, and got the chance to watch Liberty Kids! The fifth graders had an awesome day and loved getting to experience the Ohio caverns, as well as having some fun back home here at Shekinah!



First Quarter Honor Roll

1st-12th

A Honor Roll

Alex B., Eleya B., Ember B., Reagan B., Reddington B. Tanner B., Trevor B., Quinn B., Ava B., Maci C. Gaetano C., Gino C., Tatum C., Lindsey C., Abigail D. Isaiah D., Raphael D., Brayden D., Rachel E. Rebecca E. Grace F., Anna G., Benjamin G., David G., Ruby G. Austin H., Chloe H., Grayson H., Ellie H. Moriah H. Mary H., Olivia H., Aaron H., Ariel I. Quinn K., Max K. Elaina K., Judah K., Cade L., Jude L. Liam L., Lydia M. Emma M., Carter M., David M., Josiah M., Ryker M. Jacob N., Dominick N., Ava O., Jacoby O., Noah P. Peyton P., Quintin P., Owen R., Brody S., Kade S. AnaSophia S., Morgan S., Isaac S., Hannah S., Samuel S. Beau S., Mira S., Darlene S., Noah W., Chase Y., Nancy Y. William Y., Anderson Y., Avery M., Finley S., Finley S. Noelia W., Cassidy W., Jayce Y., Kalleigh Y., Hannah Y.

Merit Honor Roll

Joshua A., Vashti A., Zachary A., Haylee B., Sophia B. Aria B., William B., Suzanna B., Jaxon C., Paighton C. Joshua C., Brody C., Jacob C., Kade C., Hadassa D. Kenneth D., Jaden D., Zachary D., Noah D., Ian D. Cecilia E., Malina F., Jacob G., Rebecca G., Chloe G. Liam H., Drew H., Eli H., Ila H., Kate H., Charlotte H. Isabella H., Hope H., Ellie H., Lillian H., Brantley H. Logan H., Saraphina K., Zander K., Stella K., Bristol K. Maggie L., Margo M., Gideon M., Andrew M. Camden M., Elise M., Judah M., Michael M., Shiloh M. Logan M., Grace M., Leah N., Logan N., Sophia N. Shauna N., Chelby O., Bebecca P., Mia P., Brody P. Kylie S., Paityn S., Emmersyn S., Kenna S., Harper S. Lydia S., Tabitha S., Selah S., Rayah T., Sianna T. Maci T., Kailyn T., Mathias V-C., Eliana W. Natalie W., A.J. Y., Preston Y., Elijah Y.

In order to qualify for Honor Roll students must have all "A's" for A Honor Roll and nothing below a "B" for Merit Honor Roll. We're off to a great start this year with 82% of the 1st-12th grade students on Honor Roll (41% on A Honor Roll).



Fans & Flames
Alumni Game

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NOV 22 2024
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Students of the Month



Sophia B.

**Secondary Student
of
the Month**

A sixth grade student, Sophia B., was nominated by classmates as the November Student of the Month in grades 6th-12th.

Students say, “Sophia is always kind and caring towards others. She takes the time to say ‘hi’ to friends and teachers whenever she sees them. She is a dedicated student who always does her best!

Congratulations, Sophia! Keep up the great work!



Reddington B.

**Elementary Student
of
the Month**

Second grade student, Reddington B., was nominated by classmates as the November Student of the Month in grades K-5th.

Reddington was nominated because he is a true gentleman. He’s organized and thorough with his work. He’s a respectful competitor and plays by the rules. He is helpful to friends and teachers and always tries his best at whatever he does.

Congratulations on being nominated as the Elementary Student of the Month, Reddington!

STUDENT VALUES

Responsibility, Kindness, Excellence, Respect, Persistence, Integrity, Team Player, Empathy, and Commitment

The School Publications Class wants to recognize these values each month. Students can drop their nominations (one from K-5th and one from 6th-12th) into the blue bucket in the cafeteria. Besides naming a person, students need to write why they are nominating that person. Don’t forget to sign your name in case we need to ask for more details.

Alumni News and Notes

Births:

Alex ‘12 and Becca (Hurless) **Cooley**; Olivia Fern born August 23, 2024; second child, second daughter.

Chris and **Savannah (Bartholomew) McGahhay ‘13**; Remington (Remy) Carl born September 15, 2024; first child, first son.

Matthew ‘01 and Katrina (Beachy) **Sensenig ‘01**; Leah Grace born September 25, 2024; sixth child, fourth daughter.

Marriage:

Brook Purdy ‘24 married Wyatt Cole Nov. 9, 2024.

Attention Alumni !!

We want to hear from you. Send updates about your lives to lshetler@shekinahchristian.org. Tell us about births, marriages, promotions, new jobs, ministry opportunities, and anything else you’d like to share.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, we would love to send it to you through email. We would like to save funds on postage and printing.

Help us to keep our database up-to-date by letting us know if you have a change of address or email address. Thank you for staying in touch!

Mark your calendars.....

November

- 20—Progress Reports
- 22—Fans & Flames/Alumni Game- 6:00 pm
- 25-29—No School: Thanksgiving Break

December

- 6—Dismissal 12:30 ACSI Teacher In-service
- 7—Christmas Under the Clock 4-7 pm
- 8—RBC Christmas Program 7 pm
- 13—Arts Christmas Celebration 7 pm
- 20—Dismissal 12:30 Teacher In-service
- 23-Jan 3—Christmas Break



October Challenge Winner

The October challenge was: “The units digit is eight times the tens digit of a two-digit number. The original number minus the number formed when the digits are reversed is –63. What is the original number?” Thank you to everyone who gave the correct answer of 18. The winner of the drawing for a \$10 gift card to The Red Hen was Evan Sensenig.

The Student Activity Booster Club would like to thank our Sponsors for their generous support!

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SILVER

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November Challenge

In ten years time the combined age of Mary and Jane and their brothers Paul and Phillip will be 100. What will the combined age be in seven years time? Call or text your answer to 614-873-3143 to be placed in a drawing for a \$10 gift card to Chick-fil-A.

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