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Editor's Opinion Article

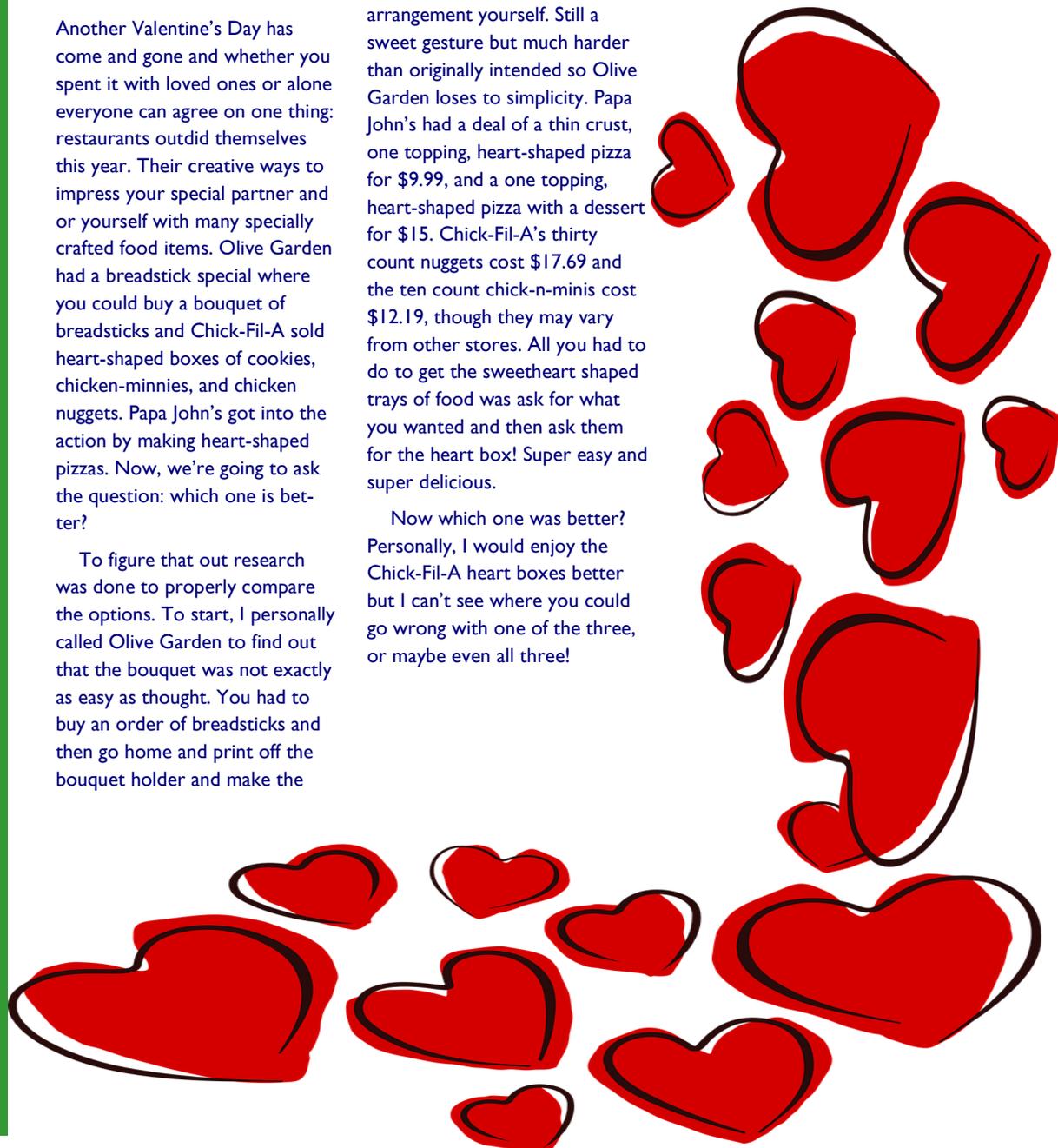
By: Shannon Hobbs

Another Valentine's Day has come and gone and whether you spent it with loved ones or alone everyone can agree on one thing: restaurants outdid themselves this year. Their creative ways to impress your special partner and or yourself with many specially crafted food items. Olive Garden had a breadstick special where you could buy a bouquet of breadsticks and Chick-Fil-A sold heart-shaped boxes of cookies, chicken-minnies, and chicken nuggets. Papa John's got into the action by making heart-shaped pizzas. Now, we're going to ask the question: which one is better?

To figure that out research was done to properly compare the options. To start, I personally called Olive Garden to find out that the bouquet was not exactly as easy as thought. You had to buy an order of breadsticks and then go home and print off the bouquet holder and make the

arrangement yourself. Still a sweet gesture but much harder than originally intended so Olive Garden loses to simplicity. Papa John's had a deal of a thin crust, one topping, heart-shaped pizza for \$9.99, and a one topping, heart-shaped pizza with a dessert for \$15. Chick-Fil-A's thirty count nuggets cost \$17.69 and the ten count chick-n-minis cost \$12.19, though they may vary from other stores. All you had to do to get the sweetheart shaped trays of food was ask for what you wanted and then ask them for the heart box! Super easy and super delicious.

Now which one was better? Personally, I would enjoy the Chick-Fil-A heart boxes better but I can't see where you could go wrong with one of the three, or maybe even all three!





Letter From the Director

By: Mrs. Vereyken

Parents,

It's so hard to believe, but it's almost the 4th quarter of our 2018-2019 school year! This year has FLOWN by! We have a lot of events occurring in March so please make sure that you are checking out our online calendar found on our website at www.cgsnc.org and online through our Clover Garden School Facebook Page. Please come out and support our Grizzlies as they participate in many events academically, musically, artistically, or athletically in the upcoming months of school.

Students in Middle and High School will soon be able to sign up for their courses for next school year. On March 14th @ 6:00 P.M., we will have an informational session for all 8th graders. This informational session will help parents and students prepare for high school. This session will include the academic course offerings and opportunities for upcoming 9th grade students as they embark on their high school academic careers.

Report Cards will go home on March 22nd. The grading period for Quarter 3 ends on March 19th.

This is the month of MARCH MADNESS! We are excited about pushing literacy extra hard this month. In honor of this month, you will find literacy bursting at the seams at CGS. Our reading department is running a competition between grade levels in elementary, middle and high school grades. The competition is for the MOST minutes read. Each classroom has set reading goals for their classroom. Please help us with this month long initiative by encouraging your students to read as many minutes as they can for the month of March! Check out our Facebook page during the month of March to see recordings of our CGS family reading books out loud to our students. We kicked off this event by hosting WFMY News 2 on campus to talk about their "Read to Succeed" program. If you missed it, check out our Facebook page to view the clip of our K-5 students getting excited to read!

We have 2 half days in March. March 11th and March 25th. Dismissal will be at noon.

Coming up at the end of March, CGS will host its annual Talent Show! The interest letter will go out soon. Please have your student sign and return the interest form ASAP to secure their spot in the show! Come out and support our performing Grizzlies on March 29th from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Congratulations to all of our Winter sports teams! They had a very successful season and ended the season with their Winter Awards Ceremony at the end of February. We are proud of all of the "All-Conference" selections that honored many of our student athletes. A special shout out goes to Miss Jaclyn Faucette who won Player of the Year for our Conference! Way to go Jaclyn! Another shout out goes to our Girls' Varsity Basketball team for bringing home the "Sportsmanship Award" for the conference as well. Excellent things coming from athletics this year! Looking forward to our Spring Season.

Our Band program just finished up their All-County performance. They are looking forward to the Spring Concert. Our Dance team is working on sharing their love of Dance in the community. They recently just performed for Newlin Elementary. We also welcome our new dance student teacher, Miss Shoffner to CGS as she prepares for graduation from UNCG this year. She is working with our dance classes and will be with us until May.

Our clubs are also doing great things in the community! Our high school FCA is headed to a nursing home soon to deliver socks to the elderly. The D.R.E.A.M. team had the opportunity to assist with Special Olympics and assisted with a Basketball Tournament. Our Spanish Honor Society inductions also just went out to those students who met the requirements for induction. Induction night will be in May.

Our Reading and Math Specialists led 2 very successful reading and math nights at CGS! We are very excited about the organization, time and effort that went into planning those events. Our students thoroughly enjoyed attending and participating in all of the different stations! Parents also appreciated the opportunity to get to assist their students with math and reading related activities. Thank you to those that attended!

Our PTT is looking for parent volunteers!!! Are you looking for a way to get involved with our school and learn more about where your child attends? Please attend a Board Meeting or PTT meeting! We are currently accepting officers for our Parents Teachers Together organization.

Our last and final round of Benchmarks is right around the corner! We are using this data collected from our students to help best prepare them for their end of year assessments. The data collected is used to help teachers restructure their teaching to maximize the learning for all students in the classroom.

Our Car Rider Lines will be going through some adjustments in the next few weeks as we work on better and safer ways for our students to dismiss in the morning and afternoons. Please be patient with us as we work out the safest and most efficient system for our students and staff who assist with the car rider lines in the morning and afternoons. Your child's safety is our #1 priority!

Director's Quote of the Month:

"Never, never, never give up." –Winston Churchill. This quote is so simple yet tough to remember especially when you're going through challenging or tough times. March is a tough month not only for our teachers but for our students as well. This is the last month of teaching new instruction. Once April arrives, teachers start to shift from new material to "reviewing" material with students to best prepare them for the end of the year. Please be patient with your student and your student's teachers as the month of March tends to place added stress on everyone especially in education. This stress extends to you, the parent as well as you begin to help prepare your student for the remainder of the school year. This is the time where those "tough" conversations begin taking place in regards to whether or not your student is ready for the next grade level. As the quote says, "never give up!" Please remember to help your student achieve this goal by not giving up when the going gets tough. It's when we're at our worst that we often learn the most. Please help your student identify that the challenges and tribulations that they are experiencing or may experience in the future is preparation for life itself. If we give up when things are tough, we've lost the opportunity to learn what could be life's biggest lesson for us all.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our students, teachers, and staff. "It takes a village to raise a child." Together, we can!

Thanks,

Mrs. Vereyken & Mrs. Moore

Sports

By: Aaron Hicks

This month, basketball season is officially over! The regular season ended 2 weeks ago, and our varsity teams have just finished competing in conference tournaments. JV boys finished their regular season but did not make it to the conference tournaments. Our Varsity boys faced Chatham Charter in an elimination game last Monday, and unfortunately, they lost in a close game that came down to a run by Chatham in the fourth quarter. On the other side of things, Rivermill eliminated our Varsity girls in a close game last Thursday. Our varsity girls also had the opportunity to head to Manteo, near the Outer Banks, to play in the state championships! Sadly, they lost, but it was a huge honor for them to be recognized as one of the best teams in the state, and I am sure they will be

ready to do it again next year. This year, CGS was lucky to host this year's conference championships, and games were held in the gym over break. For Varsity boys' basketball, Research Triangle won it all in a game against Chatham Charter, which came down to the wire, with Research Triangle only winning by 1 point. Chatham Central won the Varsity girl's conference championship, in a blowout win against Rivermill. This season has shown us new competition, new schools, and a great learning experience for all teams involved. Now that basketball season is over, spring sports are finally beginning! High school and Middle school baseball, softball, and golf have all tried out, made their teams, and are beginning their practices for games coming up very soon! This transition of seasons and

sports is sure to bring many new developments, so make sure to stay tuned to keep up with everything sports here at Clover Garden!



Life Hacks

By: Skylar Yance

Putting two or three ice cubes in a dryer with your clothes will help reduce wrinkles.

If you dropped glass and it shattered a great way to pick up the glass shards is with bread. I know it sounds weird, but make sure to put just a dab of water on the bread.

A great way to clean a mirror and keep it from getting foggy during a

shower is by putting some shaving cream on the mirror and wiping it with a towel or a rag.

If you go on vacation and the hotel room is not smelling too great, put a dryer sheet over the A/C unit and turn it on.

If you feel like you struggle with losing papers, or your teacher loses your papers, a great Idea is to take

a picture of your work before you turn it in.

If you're someone who gets confused with which key goes to which lock, just decorate the key so you don't get confused with the keys.

If you're a heavy sleeper and use your phone as an alarm, but have a trouble with hearing it, put your phone in a cup to crank up the volume.

Arts By: Makayla Simmons

Band

Band will be taking a trip to New York, the first week in April. Last payment will be March 1st make sure you get your payments in and keep your grades up. They are also just finished the All County Band Music, and each student did an amazing job. Congratulations to everyone who had a solo or duet. The band also has a money wall. Please grab one and help our CGS Band get New Uniforms.

Music (Choir)

The amazing harmonies of the CGS Grizzlies Choir, is practicing for their spring concerts in April. MS Chorus will be touring the nursing homes singing soon.

HS Theatre, is preparing for a big play May 2nd and 3rd, Happy Birthday, Dear Grandpa.

Prom / Seniors

Seniors will sponsor a 3 on 3 March Madness basketball event on March 1st. Players can sign up individually or as a team. The cost is \$10 each person. Registration forms are on the front entrance board.

Art

The following students were selected to represent Clover Garden in this year's BWC arts festival. The exhibit will be on display at Holly Hill Mall until Saturday January 26.

Pen and Ink: Noah Tickle, Zoe Brown, Madison Porterfield, Makayla Harrelson and Haven Tickle
Digital Design: Baden Savage

Photography: Andy Hawkins, Christopher Hall and Emma Hackney
Mixed Media: Shan-

non Hobbs, Makayla Harrelson, Zoe Brown, Rachel Miller and Haven Tickle
Oil Pastels: Jenna Gwynn and Erica Burgess
Painting on Canvas: Shannon Hobbs, Ethan Jones, Noah Loftis, Haven Tickle, Sabrina James, Sierra Williams, Kiley Wilson, Malissa Tickle, Savannah Worsham, John Kapp, Faith Wade, Makayla Harrelson and Tyra Sanyka
Pencil Drawing: Shannon Hobbs, Zoe Brown, Elise Sharpe

It's exciting to share a variety of the entries from the festival. The students have been working very hard to compete in several art competitions this year.



Clubs By: Caitlyn Denson

AYLA has a Capstone Event on March 8th. Middle school FCA is meeting every Friday. 6th – 7th-grade theater is performing Wednesday and Thursday during first period, "Bullies". 8th grade in performing "Raft" at 8:15. High School Theater "Happy Birthday Dear Grandpa" on May 2nd and 3rd

at 7:00 at Stoney Creek Church. High School FCA is collecting new socks. Your donations are greatly appreciated! If you are interested, drop them off to Coach Dodson. On March 5th they are visiting the Bryan Center in Yanceyville. Also, Coach Dodson will be accepting tal-

ent show inductions, soon. Spanish Honors Society invitations go out this week and the inductions will be May 1st. Spanish Clubs next lunch is April 9th. Last but not least, the beta club has a blood drive in March. Their invitations will be going out in April and their inductions will be in May.

Entertainment

By: Kenan Savage

Recently, I've been reading a story in DC comics called "The Death and Return of Superman," a story in which Superman dies and then returns from the dead. Between the death and eventual rebirth of the man of steel, there is a story called "The Reign of the Supermen." In this story, we see several people try and take the mantle of Superman. You have the Eradicator, a Kryptonian android that enforces the law to an extreme extent, brutalizing criminals. Steel, an ex-weapons designer who tries to take Superman's place to repay him for saving his life once. SuperBoy, an egotistic teenage clone of Superman, and Cyborg Superman, a villain pretending to be Superman rebuilt. This story has had me ask an important question "What is Superman?" What is the one element which the last son of Krypton isn't the same without? Several people have proposed different answers, but I will try my best to come up with a definitive answer.

Many people believe that Superman is his powers. Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, etc. That is a large part of Superman: he can do almost anything. So is that it? Is Superman nothing more than a power fantasy? Well, there's more of this article, so the answer is obviously no. Superman's powers are always changing. When he first arrived on the scene, Superman was just invulnerable, strong, and capable of leaping over tall buildings in a single bound. His power of flight was invented by his radio show, and his telescopic vision was introduced much later in the comics, eventually evolving and co-existing with his heat vision. On top of that, Superman has numerous enemies whose powers parallel his own. Most prominent being General Zod, a Kryptonian general turned terrorist, who wishes to conquer earth and become the leader of a new Krypton. There's also Bizarro, the reversed clone of Superman, and Ultraman, Superman's evil counterpart from Earth-3.

In Reign of the Supermen, we are introduced to SuperBoy, a clone of Superman force grown to turn 13 over the course of about two years. He has all the powers of Superman, but he's reck-

less and hot headed, not to mention a show-boating ego maniac. All these personality traits lead to massive collateral damage around him, and in one issue, the death of a news crew in a helicopter that was trying to capture his heroism. So the powers are clearly not the heart of Superman.

Then how about justice? Superhero's never shut up about it, and Superman is the original superhero. It's one of the three things big blue strides for: truth, justice, and the American way. Is that the key to Superman? Well, I don't think so. Yes, Superman strides for justice all around the world, but the definition of justice can get a little foggy, in the world of comic books. Going back to the Reign of the Supermen, the Eradicator tries to take the place of Superman, but brutalizes the criminals he faces, giving them severe burns, breaking several limbs, and leaving many of them comatose. According to the Eradicator, it's all justified because he's enforcing 'Justice.' That's not Superman. All Superman does to criminals is knock them out, maybe break an arm (if push comes to shove.) Comics are full of characters similar to the Eradicator, who justify the brutalization and murder of criminals as justice. If justice is so flexible in terms, it can't be the core of Superman.

So maybe it's his lineage? Everyone in Superman's supporting cast of equal power are not only Kryptonians, but are also members of the coveted house of El. Supergirl is Kara Zor-El, his cousin, and SuperBoy is Kon El, a clone of Superman, Kal El. Is this the final one? Is this the key to Superman? His lineage? Well, yes and no. During the "Reign of Supermen," John Henry Irons takes the mantle of Superman. He was once a weapons designer, but once seeing the damage his weapons would do, he quit, and took a construction job in Metropolis, where he saved a man's life, endangering his own; however, Superman flew in, and saved his life. The way John saw it, he owed his life to Superman. So when he heard that Superman had died, he took it on himself to construct an advanced suit, which would allow him to perform the same amazing feats Superman once preformed. Steel was the one version of Superman during the "Reign of the Supermen" that Lois Lane, the most important person in Clark's life, who knew that Clark Kent and Superman were one and the same, believed might actually be Clark returned from the grave. Ever sense then, John has



stuck around, helping Superman and many other hero's in their never ending battle. Steel has gone on to do much for the DC Universe, playing a key role in some of its biggest events. Because of this, I believe that you don't need the house of El in order to have Superman.

But at the beginning of the last paragraph, I said "yes and no" to the house of El being essential to Superman. What I was talking about then, was the family crest of the house of El. For those of you who don't know, recent iterations of Superman have stated that the symbol on his chest is not in fact an 'S', but rather the family crest for the house of El. But more importantly, according to some iterations, the crest of the house of El translates in English to "Hope." And that, is the core of Superman. A hope for a better tomorrow. A hope that drives him to use his powers for good rather than evil. A hope that enforces true justice, and a hope that his deeds allow Krypton to live on in him. Without Superman's unwavering hope in humanity, he'd be a totally different character. Without hope, why hold back? Without hope, why not be irresponsible? Hope drives Superman to not only be the best for him, but for humanity as well. We strive, we hope, to be like Superman. To be the best we can be. Superman is an immigrant, but he grew up in America. He was raised in the country, but works in the city. He's an alien, but he's more human than some of us. Superman is made so that anyone can look at him, and see themselves in him. So that anyone, can strive for the hope of a better tomorrow.

Cafeteria News

CAFETERIA MENU - MARCH 2019

DANNY'S FRIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON DAYS LISTED ON THE CALENDAR. NO PRE-ORDER NECESSARY. LOOK FOR THE FRENCH FRY ICON.

Remember all pre-orders must be placed online at myschoolaccount.com seven days prior to service. Also please make sure your student's account is in good standing in order for them to make a la carte purchases.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



St. Patrick's Day



1 CI-CI'S PIZZA
CHEESE OR PEPPERONI
SALAD
MILK OR SMALL WATER

4 CI-CI'S PASTA WITH
MARINARA/MEAT
SAUCE
SALAD
BREADSTICK
MILK OR SMALL WATER

5 LA FIESTA - ARROZ CON
POLLO - SHREDDED
CHICKEN, VEGETABLES,
RICE AND CHEESE
MILK OR SMALL WATER

6 DANNY'S BURGER
FRENCH FRIES
MILK OR SMALL WATER

7 DANNY'S HOTDOG
DANNY'S FRENCH FRIES
MILK OR SMALL WATER

8 CI-CI'S PIZZA
CHEESE OR PEPPERONI
SALAD
MILK OR SMALL WATER

11 HALF DAY - NO LUNCH

12 CI-CI'S CHICKEN
NUGGETS
(BBQ OR RANCH DIPPING
SAUCE)
SALAD
PINEAPPLE FRUIT CUP

13 ELON CULTURE LUNCH
IRISH CELEBRATION
Tossed Salad
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Roasted Red Potatoes
Rolls

14 HURSEY'S CHICKEN
LEG
MAC AND CHEESE
HUSH PUPPIES
MILK OR SMALL WATER

15 CI-CI'S PIZZA
CHEESE OR PEPPERONI
SALAD
MILK OR SMALL WATER

18 CI-CI'S PASTA WITH
MARINARA/MEAT
SAUCE
SALAD
BREADSTICK
MILK OR SMALL WATER

19 LA FIESTA - BEEF NACHOS
MILK OR SMALL WATER

20 DANNY'S BREAKFAST
2 EGGS, 2 STRIPS OF
BACON AND BISCUIT
MILK OR SMALL WATER

21 DANNY'S HOTDOG
DANNY'S FRENCH FRIES
MILK OR SMALL WATER

22 CI-CI'S PIZZA
CHEESE OR PEPPERONI
SALAD
MILK OR SMALL WATER

25 HALF DAY - NO LUNCH

26 CI-CI'S CHICKEN
NUGGETS
(BBQ OR RANCH DIPPING
SAUCE)
SALAD
PINEAPPLE FRUIT CUP

27 DANNY'S BURGER
FRENCH FRIES
MILK OR SMALL WATER

28 HURSEY'S BBQ
SANDWICH
CHIPS
MILK OR SMALL WATER

29 CI-CI'S PIZZA
CHEESE OR PEPPERONI
SALAD
MILK OR SMALL WATER