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Editors Opinion Article By: Elijah Tucker

Opinion: The NFL Championship wasn't perfect, but wasn't anything new either.

If you've kept your eyes these recent weeks, you've probably heard about the NFL and their controversial championship weekend. Many people are unhappy with the way the NFC championship game ended. A defender from the Los Angeles Rams illegally tackled a New Orleans Saints receiver before he could catch a pass. This pass was important because it was late in the game and was within fifteen yards of the goal line.

For those who aren't big sports fans, this means it had a profound effect on the outcome of the game. This game was important because the winner would go on to challenge the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LIII. On Twitter after the game, Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas expressed his disappointment in the league and cited a rule in which the league commissioner could either overturn the ruling and declare the Saints the victors or declare the first game null and void and schedule a rematch. The official rule is Rule 17, Section 2, Article 1 and reads "The Com-

missioner has the sole authority to investigate and take appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective measures if any club action, non-participant interference, or calamity occurs in an NFL game which the Commissioner deems so extraordinarily unfair or outside the accepted tactics encountered in professional football that such action has a major effect on the result of the game." For the bad call to warrant any action whatsoever outside of what has happened, the commissioner would have to be convinced that the outcome of the game was changed entirely by something outside of the ability of the players.

In order for this rule to truly be enacted, the outcome of the game would have to be deterred on more than one play. One single play, no matter when it takes place during the game can not cause a team to lose. The NFL has publicly admitted to the blunder, but to the dismay of some fans, are still planning to go through with the Super Bowl on February 3rd. While most fans are focused on the one single play that cost them an opportunity, they seem to forget the rest of the game. An NFL team will

run anywhere from 135-160 plays in a game. You can't just see a bad call and blame the loss on the referees. Every team in the NFL has experienced some sort of controversial call during a game. The NFL is making the right call by leaving the game alone.

I personally would have loved to see the Saints win, but they didn't. The one fact that gets me is the call did not lose the game for the Saints but instead contributed to the game going to overtime. I can not emphasize this enough: The Saints won the overtime coin toss, got the ball first, and proceeded to throw an interception. This would allow the rams to kick a field goal and win. The NFL is making the right call to admit to missing the call, but not replay the game or overturn the score. I think the NFL made the best decision.



Letter From the Director By: Mrs. Vereyken



“Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result.”

Parents,

What a fantastic first semester we have had at CGS! So many wonderful things have taken place. We've already had seniors receiving scholarships and acceptances into many college and universities! Our Band received 15 trophies throughout competition marching season! Our Varsity Girls' volleyball team won a "Sportsmanship" award from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Our Middle School Girls' Volleyball team made it to 2nd place in the conference with Coach Quimby's guidance. Mrs. Danita Lackey, one of our exceptional children's teachers received the "Educator of Excellence" award from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Exceptional Children's Division. Mr. Bostic made it to the finalist round with nine other charter school teachers of the year. We are very proud of him! Some of our teachers have been visiting other schools and networking with teachers from other schools. This has been an amazing opportunity for our teachers to grow in their field of expertise and acquire new ideas and best teaching practices from others. Our Hero Builder program has recognized almost 100 Amazing Grizzly Heroes throughout the school building.

All of these students can be seen displayed on the bulletin boards near the front office. There have been 5 Grizzly Fun Friday events. Our Board of Directors' have also recognized the following individuals for Staff, Student, Parent, or Teacher Spotlight awards so far this school year: Mrs. Nina Miller, Miss Savannah Worsham, Mrs. Melanie Takamoto, Mrs. Margaret Simpson, Mr. Jimmy Kistler, Mr. Alex Dodson, Mrs. Marianne Smith, Mr. Mike Ward, Mr. Nathan Dodson, Mr. Keith Roberts and Mr. Collin West. We are extremely proud of these individuals and everything that they do to help CGS be successful!

All ACC courses will started on January 7th for the new semester. North Carolina Virtual Public School courses will also begin in January. Mrs. Nina will be meeting with eligible rising juniors beginning in January to talk about the College and Career Promise program CGS has in which students are able to enroll in courses through Alamance Community College and get college credit for those courses while the students are still in high school.

Applications for our 2019-2020 School Year lottery opened on January 2, 2019. Applications will be received through March 8th, 2019. The lottery will be taking place electronically on March 11th at 2:00 P.M. Please go to our website at www.cgsnc.org under the "Parents/Students" tab and click on "Admissions" for more instructions. If you have a rising Kindergartener, you will need to apply through the online Lottery system. Any students on the waiting list must reapply as the waiting list does not "roll over". Current students will receive a letter of intent which will be sent home with report cards on January 4, 2019. This form must be returned by January 31, 2019 in order to ensure your student's enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

Quarter 3 began on January 3rd, 2019. Report cards for Quarter 2 will be sent home on January 4th, 2019.

Director's Quote of the month:

"Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result." –Oscar Wilde. This quote is a great quote to reflect upon as we finish one semester and begin another. You may not be as successful as you'd like to be and that's okay! The important factor is that you have that resilience to never give up and to keep trying! Success isn't created the same way for everyone. It's all about mindset and perspective when you define whether or not success has been accomplished. Success is a science, you have to keep trying different things until you get your desired result. Success is defined in the dictionary as "the accomplishment of an aim or purpose". We have already been successful this school year by completing one whole semester! We want to continue that success for the second semester and continue to set our focus and goals towards the remainder of the school year. End of course exams will be here before we know it. We want our students to be most successful and put in 110% effort! Putting in the work now will pay off in the end. If what you're doing isn't working, change it! Please continue to encourage your students to take ownership in their future and what they want it to look like!

As always, thanks for all that you do,

Mrs. Vereyken & Mrs. Moore

Hero Word Article

By: Elijah Tucker

Mrs. Moore brought in fourth-grade kids to play a game based on this week's hero word. The hero word for the 21st-25th of January was "risk". She talked about how there are good risks and bad risks. After explaining the difference between the good risks and the bad risks, students were introduced to an obstacle course set up in the boardroom. The floor was littered with bubble wrap, plastic cones, sponges, and even a rubber chicken. Even Mrs. Moore put on the blindfold first to demonstrate how the game is played. After successfully completing the course, she explained how this game would build trust between the person who goes onto the course, and their spotter.

The job of the spotter was to tell the course-goer the best way through the obstacles without stepping on anything. Then the action began. With Mission Impossible music set behind them, the first group of kids embarked on the impossible course. These young folks were yelling, screaming, laughing, and sighing as they guided their partners across the course. A spectator could barely make out "One big step you got this" from the shrieks and giggles of the young children having fun. When it was all over, a few kids eagerly volunteered to clean up the course. Within thirty seconds the floor was clear. Afterward, the students were treated to playing a fun game called

"Let's Move." With funky music just like that of the 1980s playing in the background, the kids did different fun exercises. The afternoon sun peeked through the window while the kids celebrated with a thirty-second dance party. After it was over, and the kids were lining up to go back to class,

I talked briefly with 10-year-old Emily Spolerich, one of the younger students to participate. When asked what was her favorite part of the lesson she replied: "I'd say the obstacle course." I then asked if she had learned anything from this experience, to which she replied: "I learned taking risks can be a good thing."

Sports

By: Aaron Hicks

In the month of January, there has not been any new significant developments in the sports world here at CGS. Basketball is still in full swing, and our teams are having relevant success. All basketball teams have gotten through a little over half of each of their respective seasons, and have gotten an idea of where they stand in the conference, and are excited to continue their seasons.

The Varsity boys are 7-11, the JV boys are 3-9, and the Varsity girls are 12-7. The last couple of weeks have been busy in terms of games

and schedules and all teams are looking to improve going forward.

We have definitely noticed the stronger competition in this new conference, and most people here at Clover Garden agree that this will be better for us in the long run. It has become clear that this conference has been more difficult and has provided us with stronger competition, but as a school, we are excited for the challenges we have been facing and plan on using this first season in the new conference as a learning experience and our athletic department will definitely

improve from this. That's all in terms of sports for this month! Stay tuned for upcoming events and updates here in the sports world of CGS!



Arts By: Makayla Simmons

Band

Band will be taking a trip to New York during the first week of April. Last payment will be March 1st so make sure you get your payments in and remain academically eligible. They are also beginning to work on the All County Band music, which will be performed on Feb. 26, from 7pm - 8pm.

Music (Choir)

The amazing harmonies in the CGS Grizzlies Choir is practicing for their spring concerts in April. MS Chorus will be touring the nursing homes singing soon. HS will be singing out front in the car rider line on Valentine's Day.

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

Prom / Seniors

Prom committee will have the annual Valentine's Day candy and bear deliveries coming up, with candy \$2 each, Bears \$2 each, candy bear combo \$3

each. Seniors will sponsor an elementary school Valentine's dance on February 14th from 3:30-5:30 pm in the CGS gym. Concessions, face paint, balloons, and other activities will be offered. Seniors will sponsor a 3 on 3 March Madness basketball tournament on March 1st. Players can sign up individually or as a team. The cost is \$10 each person and 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: Shannon 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 Sanyika
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.

By: Chris Hall



By: Elise Sharpe



Clubs By: Caitlyn Denson

With the beginning of the semester, the clubs are taking a new stand throughout our school and community.

The G.S.A is starting a nice note campaign that they will pin on a "kindness tree".

Geek Club is planning a new movie showing since the "Elf" was cancelled due to the snow, yet the details are still being discussed.

High School F.C.A is having devotions every Friday, and they are preparing to partner with the Mid-

dle School FCA to send socks to Bryan Center nursing home in Yanceyville.

A.Y.L.A. is planning on spreading school wide recycling and a positivity bulletin board in the Middle School hallway.

High School Chorus is continuing spirituals for black history month, while Middle School chorus is preparing songs to sing to a nursing home.

High School Theater preformed "Heart of a Stranger" on January

17th and 18th. Spanish Club had a before school breakfast meeting on January 16th.

Student Council is doing contests for students during school choice week (January 22nd-25th), prizes will be awarded. Also, the Student Council meetings are changing their location, they are now in the food court of the gym at 7:40 a.m.

Life Hacks By: Skylar Yance

Freak out your neighbors this winter by making creepy alien snowmen. Simply make a mound of snow, cut out eye holes and stick glow sticks in them.

Delta airlines offers \$100 off any vacation package if you book that trip during your birthday month

Accidentally text the wrong person? Immediately put your phone

on airplane mode and once it fails to deliver, delete the message.

To make sure you leave the house on time in the morning, create a playlist exactly as long as you have to get ready. When the last song plays you'll hustle like you never have before.

If you're ever feeling sleepy, hold your breath as long as you can,

and then breathe out slowly. It increases you heart rate.

It is a proven fact that peppermint stimulates brain activity and makes you concentrate better.

If you accidentally close a tab, ctrl+shift+t reopens it.



Entertainment By: Kenan Savage

What's Happening With Pixar?

It's November 22nd, 1995. Disney has teamed up with a small, experimental animation studio to help put their first movie into theaters. That movie's name is *Toy Story*. A story about two toys trying to find their way back to their owner and bonding along the way. The movie becomes a roaring success, leading to many other studios like DreamWorks and Blue Sky joining the wave of 3D animated movies coming out. Fifteen years later, *Toy Story 3* comes out, ending the *Toy Story* franchise with a satisfying, yet heart breaking ending. In those fifteen years, Pixar was bought by Disney, and makes critical and financial success one after another. But now? Eighteen years later there has been a noticeably subpar trend in recent quality at Pixar, and another *Toy Story* has been announced. Why did this change happen to Pixar? Join me, as I dive into the history of this wonderful animation studio, and find out if somebody has "poisoned the water hole" as Sheriff Woody would say.

The next film Pixar would make after *Toy Story 3* would be *Cars 2*, which was a considerable critical and financial bomb, or at least by Pixar standards. Their next two movies would be *Brave* and *Monsters University*. *Brave* is not bad, but disappointingly mediocre. It should also be noted that *Brave* was preceded by some very misleading marketing. *Monsters University* is a

Monsters Inc. prequel with critical and fan responses ranging from mediocre to god awful. In order to break up the mediocrity, Pixar created the smash hit *Inside Out* in 2015. The movie is a look into the mind of a girl named Riley where we saw her emotions. The interesting take on this story is the movies portrayal of each emotion as a person operating in her mind like a computer. The movie was critically successful and received 10 different film awards.

Unfortunately, after *Inside Out*, Pixar returned to subpar movies, or at least according to a precedent that had already been set. *The Good Dinosaur* and *Finding Dory* were two clear signs that not everything Pixar made would be a critical success. Pixar rebounded with a phenomenal hit in 2017's *Coco*. The following year saw the release of *Incredibles 2*, and currently has the internet split over whether or not it's a worthy successor to the original or just a cash-in on nostalgia.

Why do we see so much back and forth? They make one really good movie and then follow it up with one mediocre movie. Why? Some people credit the curve to the fact that anything with a Pixar stamp will inevitably blow up. It's no secret that anything Pixar makes is bound to be financially successful. Even their most unsuccessful movie, *The Good Dinosaur*, had an adjusted gross of \$127 million. That's more than the budget of

movies like *Mad Max* and *Napoleon Dynamite*, without even taking profits off of toys and merchandise into account!

On top of that, they understand that money is in sequels. Of all their movies, *Finding Dory*, *Toy Story 3*, and *Toy Story 2* are some of their most financially successful. This is because the first movie being amazing builds an audience for a sequel. With the way their sequels are spaced out, most of the time the people who saw the original movie in theaters has a family, and they will want to show both the new and original movie. Unfortunately, that also comes with many restrictions story telling wise.

Whatever the situation at Pixar, we must remember that they gave us years of creative story telling. Even their B grade productions like *Finding Dory* have managed to warrant an emotional response from the audience. If we think the latest Pixar movie was not up to their standards, then voice your opinion, and let them correct themselves. Until then, all we can do is just keep swimming, to infinity and beyond.

Cafeteria News

CAFETERIA MENU - FEBRUARY 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

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

5 LA FIESTA CHEESE QUESADILLA
MILK OR SMALL WATER

6 DANNY'S BURGER
FRENCH FRIES
MILK OR SMALL WATER

7 DANNY'S HOTDOG
DANNY'S FRIES
CHOICE OF MILK OR WATER

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

11 SUBWAY
6" TURKEY OR HAM SUB
CHIPS
MILK OR SMALL WATER

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

13 ELON CULTURE LUNCH
ITALIAN CELEBRATION



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 ACADEMIC BREAK

19 ACADEMIC BREAK

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25 SUBWAY
6" TURKEY OR HAM SUB
CHIPS
MILK OR SMALL WATER

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