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CLUB TRACK TEAM REGISTRATION FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Now in its 31st year, the Northwest Flyers Track Club is accepting registrations for all middle and high school athletes for the spring and summer 2018 season. The team is sanctioned by USA Track & Field, and offers a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, shot put and javelin and pole vault. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The team was founded 31 years ago by local Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. In July, 2017 the Northwest Flyers had one of its most successful competitions ever at the Junior Olympics in Lawrence, KS.

In order to register, athletes must first attend one of the orientation sessions in late March/early April, 2018, which are listed on the team website at www.northwestflyers.org. For additional information about the team, email linette.roach@sbcglobal.net and "Like" the club on Facebook.



WALKING TRAIL AND GREENBELT TRASH AND DEBRIS

Recently we have noted an influx of debris / garbage being tossed over the fence along the walking trail, Meadowchase Park and into the greenbelt. Please note that this is a violation of Steeplechase deed restrictions as well as littering. It is also unsightly for our fellow neighbors, encourages rodents and critters and is an extra cost to the HOA for cleanup. Help us keep Steeplechase beautiful by disposing of waste properly.

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Cy-Fair Republican Women February Meeting

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CFRW will meet on Tuesday, February 13th
from 10:30 AM to Noon.

Hearthstone Country Club,
7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Jay Guerrero, our speaker, is the Regional Director for Texas Senior Senator and Majority Whip, Senator John Cornyn. Jay is part of the Senator's team that is working for Texans and will update us on what the Senator is working on in Washington DC.

See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by February 6th. We look forward to seeing you there.

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CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, February 3, 2018 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Aaron Burdette, Candidate for Criminal Court at Law #11
- Lori Botello, Candidate for County Criminal Court #11
- Jessica Padilla, Candidate for Criminal Court at Law #13
- Judge Alyssa Lemkuil, Candidate for 257th District Court
- Judge Denise Collins, 208th District Court
- Geric Tipsword, Candidate for 180th District Court
- Judge Christine Riddle Butts, Harris County Probate Court #4
- Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield, 190th District Court

Saturday, February 24, 2018 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Dan Crenshaw, Candidate for US Representative, Congressional District 2
- Kathaleen Wall, Candidate for US Representative, Congressional District 2
- Gary Elkins, Texas State Representative, District 135
- Judge Angelina Gooden, 280th Family Protective Order Court
- George Clevenger, Candidate for 280th District Court
- Judge Bill Harmon, Criminal Court at Law #2
- Judge Rory Olsen, Harris County Probate Court #3
- Judge Paula Goodhart, Criminal Court at Law #1

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ

25831 Northwest Freeway

Cypress, Texas 77429

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypresstexasteaparty.org

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LENT PARISH MISSION COMING TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, in Northwest Houston, will begin the Lenten journey together this year with a Parish Mission, Feb. 19, 20 and 21. The theme of the mission, "Responding to the Spirit: In the Soul, In the Church and In the World" invites parishioners and friends to be led and directed by the Holy Spirit. The three days of spiritual renewal will focus on forming missionary disciples according to Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" and all are welcome.

Fr. Bruce Nieli CSP, a Paulist Missionary Priest will serve as the mission director. Fr. Bruce, a dynamic preacher and teacher, has been active in evangelization traveling to all corners of the country proclaiming the Good News of Christ. He is ready to share about responding to the spirit.

"Responding to the spirit is how we deepen our commitment as Catholic Christians to follow Jesus Christ as missionary disciples and spirit-filled evangelizers according to Pope Francis' 'Joy of the Gospel,'" he said.

Fr. Bruce participated in the recovery and blessing of bodies at Ground Zero when the World Trade Center was attacked, he offered a healing Mass following the Oklahoma City Bombing, and extended ministry to those in shelters following Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey. Fr. Bruce also participated in welcoming and attending to the refugee children arriving in the United States fleeing gang violence and poverty in Central America.

He is the former Director of Evangelization for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and, in 2016, was invited and commissioned by Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy. Fr. Bruce has a great love for people and looks forward to sharing his ministry with the parish community at Christ the Redeemer.

The parish is the family of families, the domestic church of the home," Fr. Bruce said. "For example, in Acts 2:46-47, they met in homes breaking bread together. We have to work together as family to bring about change. Families helping families is the core of the parish."

He will meet the community for the first time when he preaches at all the weekend Masses at Christ the Redeemer, 11507 Huffmeister Rd. Houston, TX 77065, on Feb. 17-18. During his homily he will extend a personal invitation to the people of God at Christ the Redeemer to join in these three days of parish-wide spiritual renewal during Lent, which begins on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

"Lent an important season for spiritual renewal because in Lent we journey with one another following Christ in our deepest humanity," he said. "We focus on being more like Christ."

Each day of the Lent Parish Mission will include morning and evening sessions. The morning session is from 10 - 11:30 a.m. with a

continental breakfast provided. The evening begins with a community meal from 5:30-6:45 p.m. followed by the evening session, which begins at 7 p.m. in the church.

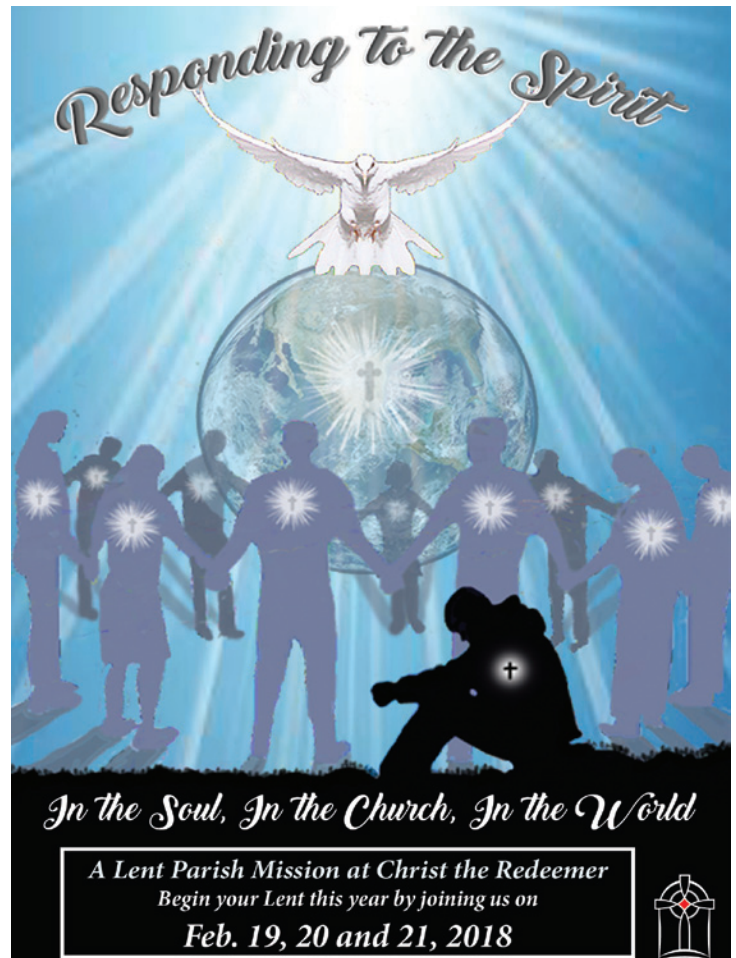
The ministries at Christ the Redeemer are collaborating with each other to share their time and talent to make this mission a parish-wide evangelization.

"We want people to know they will be missed if we don't see them at the mission," said Mike Jones, mission core team member and parishioner at Christ the Redeemer.

Christy Wright, director of Family Life at Christ the Redeemer, is enthusiastic about the mission bringing the more than 6,500 families that make up Christ the Redeemer together for renewal.

"We want our community to know that even though we are large, we are one in heart and one spirit in Christ," Wright said.

Everyone is welcome to join Christ the Redeemer for this time of spiritual renewal as we begin the season of Lent. For more information, visit our website at www.ctrcc.com/parishmission.



Responding to the Spirit

In the Soul, In the Church, In the World

A Lent Parish Mission at Christ the Redeemer
Begin your Lent this year by joining us on
Feb. 19, 20 and 21, 2018

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CYPRESS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HAD A GREAT START TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN WARRIORS WIN STATE!

On Friday, December 8, the Warriors took home the TAPPS Division III State Championship for the first time in the school's 40 year history with a record setting 68 - 34 victory. TAPPS named 19 players to the All-District Team, 9 players to the All-State Team and 9 players to the Academic All-State Team.

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN WARRIOR DRUMLINE WINS STATE RUNNER-UP

Cypress Christian's Warrior Drumline had spectators and judges alike tapping their feet and singing along to Deep in the Heart of Texas, as they drummed their way to State Runner-Up in the TAPPS Tier 1 competition, with the tenor section taking first place

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN SENIOR EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

Cypress Christian Senior, Halle Hudson, has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The award recognizes girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary

leadership through sustainable and measurable community service projects that require a minimum of 80 hours to complete. Less than five percent of Girl Scouts earn the award.

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL FINISHES IN FINAL FOUR

The Cypress Christian varsity volleyball rose to the occasion this season, finishing in the State Final Four, the highest level in the program's recent history. Throughout the season, the Lady Warriors fought through each match as a team, exemplifying great hustle and demanding a high work ethic from each other. TAPPS named 7 players to the All-District Team, 2 players to the All-State Team and 3 players to the Academic All-State Team.

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN UPCOMING ADMISSION EVENT

Thursday, February 15 Cypress Christian School will host a student visitor day. Visit www.cypresschristian.org/admissions for more details and information on how to register your student.

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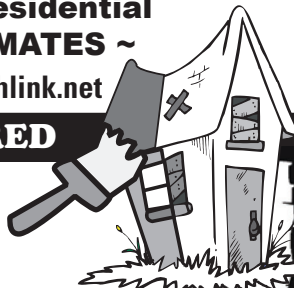
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Here are just some of the many students that are available for placement:

Abby from Denmark – loves being active in sports, nature and at the beach. She is a competitive swimmer and enjoys horseback riding.

Dominik from Switzerland – an open minded, uncomplicated boy, with a real interest in American sports

Maria from Norway – she describes herself as an outgoing, adventurous, mature, compassionate person.

Saana from Finland – she is both sympathetic and empathetic. She enjoys music and sports, and according to her bio – she has a great laugh!

If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization who mission is to facilitate educational opportunities where all participants can break down cultural barriers, and gain respect and understanding of each other's way of life.

IS IT A TURTLE OR A TORTOISE?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Some lump anything with an outside shell into the turtle category when in fact there are distinct differences between turtles and tortoises. Both are reptiles but turtles live in the water and the tortoise is a land-dweller.

Turtles are identifiable by their webbed feet and long claws. The webbing

helps them swim. The tortoise has a heavier shell than the turtle and has short sturdy legs. Turtles are omnivores meaning they eat vegetation and meat. Tortoises tend to be herbivores but have been known to occasionally eat meat.

Both turtles and tortoises date back 220 million years! They both have a very long lifespan with sea turtles living up to 70 years and the more common turtles living up to 40 years. Tortoises can live up to 150 years!

Red-eared slider turtles became popular as pets when they were made available in dime stores. I know I had one in the 1950's so they've been around a very long time! Their popularity soared when the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movie came out. Because the turtles were released into the wild when pet owners got tired of them, they are now considered invasive in some states. A couple of states have outlawed the sale of them. These turtles tend to be a bit aggressive and make it difficult for other native species to compete for food and habitats. They can also introduce unknown diseases to the wild population when pet turtles are released into the wild.

Probably the most unique turtle in our area is the softshell turtle. They live in the water and are carnivores. It has a flat shell and will often bury itself at the bottom of a lake, stream, or bayou leaving only its neck and head exposed. It can breathe under water much like a fish.

TWRC Wildlife Center cares for hundreds of turtles every year. Most are admitted because of injuries sustained from cars. In 2014, concerned citizens asked Missouri City to help protect turtles crossing the road. The City took a positive step by erecting road signs showing a mama turtle with three babies.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 38-year-old non-profit organization that is your resource for wildlife questions and concerns. Check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or give us a call at 713-468-TWRC.



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CRANE FLIES

Crane flies are surrounded by misinformation and misnomers. Some think that adult crane flies eat mosquitoes, but this is untrue. Adult crane flies feed on nectar or are non-feeding. Also, crane flies are sometimes referred to as "mosquito hawks" which is a misnomer. The name mosquito hawk is most often used to refer to dragonflies, but sometimes is also used to refer to a large species of mosquito with a larval stage which feeds on other mosquito species.

Crane flies can be small to large insects- topping out at about 1 inch, with long, slender legs, and a V-shaped suture on the thorax (body section behind the head). Legs tend to break off very easily, so you may often encounter these insects with less than their allotted amount of 6 legs (see image). Adults can be mistaken for giant mosquitoes and may frighten people.

Crane fly larvae are found in moist soil feeding on decaying organic matter. The larvae are wormlike, legless, and without well-developed heads. Some species feed on roots of turfgrass or other plants, but usually do not cause enough damage to be considered a pest.

In Texas, crane flies become abundant in the spring. While adults may be a nuisance when entering homes or disturbing outdoor activities, they do not cause damage and do not bite. Keep doors and windows closed and make sure screens are in good repair. Either turn off outside lights at night or use "bug bulbs" to reduce the number of crane flies drawn near the home because of light sources.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018

Location: Cypress Christian School
11123 Cypress N Houston Rd
Houston, TX 77065

Time: 1 – 3 p.m.



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Color the drawing below and mail the finished artwork to us at:

Peel, Inc. - Kids Club

308 Meadowlark St. Lakeway, TX 78734-4717

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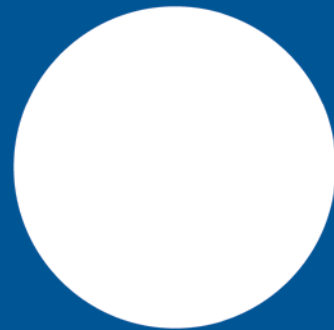
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