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Masthead By Vivi G. ('24)

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## CORONAVIRUS SHUTS DOWN SCHOOL; CES MOVES TO DISTANCE LEARNING

By Sinjin B. ('23) and Samuel Y. ('23)

Lately school has been completely turned upside down by the new COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19, or Coronavirus, has impacted many schools, including CES. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that is spread from person to person and can make some people very sick. Some of the symptoms include a cough, fever or a sore throat. Sometimes people who become infected do not show any symptoms, but can still transmit the virus to others

It is believed the virus started in Wuhan, China. It then quickly spread to other places in the world and eventually came to the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic has closed businesses, stores, churches and schools, including Christ Episcopal School.

CES closed its school buildings in mid-March and moved to on-line or distance learning. Students, faculty and staff have been staying home in quarantine. During the quarantine, CES students have been attending classes using programs such as Google Meet or Zoom. CES students are using an altered school schedule to work with the on-line classes. In addition to their core classes, students also have specials like P.E and art. Students still have homework. There are lunch breaks in the middle of the day so the students can have a break and eat.

CES will continue distance learning throughout the remainder of the school year. For now, everyone is advised to continue to stay inside until it is safe to return to normal activities.

# After a Decade of Service, CES To Bid Farewell to Dr. Chapin By Yomi B. ('24) and Jake W. ('24) 

Dr. Chapin, Head of School, will retire from CES at the end of the school year. Her last day will be on June 30th. Dr. Chapin has worked at CES for ten years. When asked what she is most proud of achieving over the past ten years, Dr. Chapin said, "I am most proud of the CES curriculum that includes a strong academic program and also focuses on helping children grow to be kind, confident, and well-rounded with a heart for others."

What she will miss the most about CES are the people. Dr. Chapin said, "I love the whole CES community, all the teachers and staff, as well as the parents. But, I love the students. The students always make me smile and bring me a lot of joy."

After she leaves CES, Dr. Chapin says she will rest and then spend more time with her grandchildren. She would also like to travel, especially during the fall and spring seasons. While working at a school, it was impossible for her to travel during the fall and spring because they are the busiest times of the school year. She also says she would like to volunteer at the maternity ward of a hospital. "I would enjoy holding babies that are in the intensive care unit and help parents who are worried about their babies," she said.

The CES community will remember her strong leadership skills, dedication to the CES mission, and her warm personality. CES Director of Admission, Ms. Gerber, had this to say about Dr. Chapin. "We are so fortunate to have had Dr. Chapin as our Head of School for the past ten years! It's the many special things she brings to her work every day that I believe make her extra special. She is highly experienced and knowledgeable about curriculum and school programming. But she is also deeply experienced and educated in terms of child development and social/
 emotional issues in young people. I have to add that, while she's highly professional in her manner, she is also incredibly down to earth with a fabulous sense of humor!"

On behalf of the entire CES community, we thank Dr. Chapin for her service to our school, and we wish her well on her retirement. We will miss you, so make sure to come back and visit.

# Fifth Graders Present Cool Projects During STEAM Day <br> By Lily B. ('23) and Maya J. ('23) 

On Thursday, March 12, the fifth grade students presented S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) projects. "STEAM Day" was held in the Murdock room in the lower school building. Each fifth grader chose a fun activity that was related to one of the letters in STEAM. Louis J. ('23) presented a straw maze activity. A race car observation was done by Sinjin B. ('23). Aarian A. ('23) demonstrated his cup stacking ability. Jason C. ('23) showed everyone a science experiment called "penny lab." Samuel Y. ('23) put students' scissor skills to the test by challenging them to make the longest strip of paper out of a paper plate. Sixth
 grader Nila A. ('22) won the contest with a strip that was 35 feet and 8 inches long. Little Red Riding Hood loved baskets, but could


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she make her own out of paper plates like Lily B. ('23)? Lily challenged participants to make a sturdy paper plate basket. Then participants added 10block rods to see how much load the basket could carry before it broke. Lastly, Maya J. ('23) presented a project called "Save Fred." In "Save Fred" students had to rescue a gummy worm named Fred by putting him in a gummy lifesaver "lifejacket" and then placing him back into his capsized boat, a plastic cup. Students could only use paper clips to do this and could not touch anything else with their hands. The entire Lower School and the sixth and seventh graders participated in the STEAM Day activities.

Some grades worked with their chapel partners to complete the challenges, while others worked with their classmates. This was a fun way to bring the CES community together to learn more about STEAM.

Artsy Ms. Clausen<br>By Kamara H. ('24) and Emilie K. ('24)



Photo courtesy

CES art teacher, Ms. Clausen has always loved the art of Alphonse Mucha. She said, "He was the artist that really grabbed my interest, but I became interested in teaching art because of my own art teacher. My art teacher showed me how teaching art could help kids and inspire people and I really enjoyed that."

Ms. Clausen first thought about becoming an ar teacher in high school, and noticed that she enjoyed art classes more than her peers at a young age. However, she was also interested in becoming an Obstetrician, a doctor that helps bring babies into the world. Even though a career in medicine was interesting, she asked herself "What would really make me happy?" So she switched majors in her first semester of college.

Ms. Clausen started working at CES when Mrs. Vargas became connected with the school and she started teaching after school. She said, "I fell in love with all the students." This year when a position opened up, Ms. Clausen decided to take a job as an art teacher.

Our interview with Ms. Clausen helped us learn many things. Did you know that Ms. Clausen loves rodents, Guinea pigs, rats, and mice? She said, "They're prey animals and if you want to build a relationship with them you have to build a strong layer of trust." It's the human and animal bond that she really appreciates. "Plus rats are so intelligent and cute," she said.

Ms. Clausen would describe herself as creative, funny and a foodie. Her family would use the three words, "where are you" to describe her because she is always doing her own thing and she tends to get so absorbed that she forgets to check in with them.

As mentioned above, Ms. Clausen's favorite artist is Alphonse Mucha. "What really draws me to him is the way he takes people and nature, and blends them together in a magical way. He personifies nature, and I think that's beautiful," she said.

Her favorite art technique is cross-hatching, and her favorite art supplies are watercolor and clay. Ms. Clausen's favorite color at the moment is salmon pink, but her usual favorite color has always been grey-blue. Ms. Clausen's favorite food at this time is Caprese salad, and her favorite snack is Wheat Thins because you can dip them in anything

## The Musical Mr. Jacob

By Aarian A. ('23)

Mr. Jacob is the new CES middle school music teacher. He learned about CES when he was looking for a teaching job and found the school website. He was moving back to Maryland and wanted to continue to educate kids through music. Before he came to CES, he was a private music teacher, and was giving lessons for voice, piano, and musical theatre for the last 8 years. He taught in New Jersey and Pennsylvania before coming to Maryland.

Mr. Jacob decided to become a teacher after he gave his first voice lesson and discovered that helping someone learn filled him with so much joy. There were two very important people in his life that influenced him to be a teacher. The first was Ms. Carolyn Gipe, his sixth grade music teacher, and the second, Ms. June Pompei, his high school chorus teacher. They helped shape his path into music.

His favorite part of being an educator is teaching! Mr. Jacob said "Nothing makes me happier than sharing all the knowledge I have with someone."

Some of the lessons he has learned while being a teacher are the importance of patience and organization. He says he has gotten better at both of these since becoming a teacher.

What he likes about CES are the students and the faculty. Mr. Jacob enjoys working at CES and really appreciated the warm welcome he received when he arrived.

In his free time, Mr. Jacob writes music and watches sports. His favorite sport is football and his favorite team is the Atlanta Falcons. During the summer and winter breaks, he likes to go on road trips and explore new places.

His favorite book is anything by author James Patterson. He loves science fiction. His favorite movie is Interstellar. His favorite TV show is Hell's Kitchen. His favorite food is lasagna, and his favorite restaurant is The Bayou in Bethlehem, PA. If he could visit any place in the world he would visit Italy and Greece. If he could describe himself in three adjectives he would choose: goofy, passionate, and adaptable. Hope you enjoyed learning about our wonderful music teacher, Mr. Jacob!


## AIRLINES SEARCH AND FIND

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By Lily B. ('23) and Maya J. ('23)

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# CES JOURNALISM STUDENTS HOLD MOCK PRESS CONFERENCE 

A Sampling of Carmen's
Italian Ices and Custard
By Colin C. ('24) and Caleb W. ('24)
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WOODER CHERRY years. Carmen's offers homemade Italian Ice in over 60 flavors and dozens of frozen custard flavors.

Carmen's quickly became a wel-
 mock press conference. At the press conference, Rockville business owner, Mr. Jason Mandler, of Carmen's Italian Ice and Café', announced he would be opening a second Carmen's store in Olney. Mr. Mandler also discussed his business operations and the history of his store.

To prepare for the press conference fourth grade students came up with questions in advance. They were able to ask their questions during the press conference and learned a lot about this local business.

The story behind Carmen's Italian Ice started with a simple idea: introduce Italian ice to the Washington D.C. area. Jason Mandler opened Carmen's Italian Ice in Rockville, MD in 2001. Italian ice traces

Mr. Mandler, owner of Carmen's Italian Ice and Café', participates in a mock press conference at CES to announce plans of opening another Carmen's store in Olney. Photo courtesy of Joanne Misovec come part of the neighborhood with Mr. Mandler and his staff coming up with tasty offerings, personal service, and fun special events. Customers can come in for a morning cup of coffee or an evening Italian ice.

At the time of this printing, Carmen's officially opened its second location in Olney. Now there are two locations for customers to enjoy delicious Italian ice and custard. I scream, you scream, we all scream for Carmen's.

## WHO IS THAT BABY?

This is a baby picture of a CES staff member.
Can you guess the baby in this photo?


## Fabulous Mrs. Filderman

By Sofia R. ('24) and Vivi G. ('24)

Have you ever wanted to know more about CES kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Filderman? You're in luck because we have the answers you've wanted all this time. Mrs. Filderman was inspired to become a teacher because her mom is a teacher and she grew up watching her mom do what she loves. She said, "In teaching you always learn something new every day, and I love to learn."

Mrs. Filderman's favorite part about CES is the students and their families. She also loves the different traditions that CES has like 100 days of school, Operation Christmas Child and the chapel partner program.

She has been inspired by every class she has taught, and she has learned something new with each class she teaches. Mrs. Filderman said, "Each year I get a new class with new students who have different goals and dreams, and my plan and hope is to help them get there while having fun learning!"

She said that her most effective teaching method depends on each

## FRAGRANT FLOWERS <br> WORD JUMBLE

By Jake W. ('24) and Yomi B. ('24)

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class, but the method that always works is learning each student's "love language." For example, some kids like praise, some kids like hugs, and some kids like helping the teacher.

Throughout her years of teaching, Mrs. Filderman has discovered her students love when she reads the book Charlotte's Web by E. B. White during D.E.A.R. time. The students also enjoy the book Mary Poppins.

Mrs. Filderman's personal favorite book is
 Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery and her favorite book from a movie is Sense and Sensibility. Her favorite season is fall. Her favorite food is sushi, and her favorite restaurant is Old Angler's Inn. Three words she would use to describe herself as curious, organized and sensitive. Hope you have learned more about fabulous kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Filderman.

## Let's Look for Insects

By Aarian A. ('23)

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# behind the scenis with mathematical mr. yi 

By Sinjin B. ('23) and Aarian A. ('23)

Have you met the wonderful Mr. Yi? Mr. Yi is a middle school math teacher who teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Mr. Yi started teaching at CES in the fall. Before coming to CES, Mr. Yi taught at a public school in Montgomery County. He taught 7th and 8th grade Algebra and 8th grade math.

He decided to become a teacher after his son was born. He loved helping and teaching his son new things. So he wanted to teach other young people. He figured he was good at understanding math, and he knew that many students needed help with math.

He had lots of great teachers in middle school, high school, and college. However, Mr. Yi said that two teachers influenced him the most. One was his 8th grade math teacher. His teacher always encouraged him in math, even though he was already pretty good in math. She believed in him and pushed him to work harder and become even better. The other teacher that influenced him was his 11th grade English teacher. She really taught him how
to read and write in a way that challenged him to think critically and find the underlying meaning of a story.

Mr. Yi's favorite part about teaching is helping students learn and seeing them have that "aha moment." He said, "I love seeing a student that moment when the light bulb goes on and everything is just clicking and making sense."

Mr. Yi's favorite part of CES is all the people he works with, including students, fellow teachers, staff members, and parents. He said," CES is really just the best community of people."

In his free time, Mr. Yi spends time with his wife and son. Mr. Yi does not have any pets. His favorite book is Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman, and his favorite movie is Goodfellas. If Mr. Yi could visit any place in the world he would go to Spain. Mr. Yi describes himself as nice, logical, and open-minded. Hope you have learned lots about Mr. Yi.

## "My Favorite CES Memory" From the Christ Episcopal School Class of 2020

'I've had many good memories at CES, but the one memory that I will never forget was my first field day. I chose this one because on that field day I had fun, and felt free to do anything, and I thought that was cool." $\sim$ Mehki D
"My favorite memory was joining this class in second grade, because that is where I became a part of my second family."
$\sim$ Ethan H .
"There are so many amazing memories that I've had at CES and it is nearly impossible to pick just one. Since I can't pick just one I think some of the best memories I have had at CES are when we went to Echo Hill for the first time. It was really fun just to mess around with everybody, and the food was so amazing. Field Day is an event that I look forward to every year and in the past, every one of them has been truly remarkable."
$\sim$ Logan $K$.

"Trying to pick a favorite memory from my time at CES is so difficult, because I've made so many great memories in my time here. I think if I had to choose one it would be earlier this year in Staunton where we went to see a Shakespeare play. My favorite part of the trip was when all the boys were in our hotel room and we were able to just be together by ourselves all night."
-Wells $T$.

"My favorite CES memory is after the 7th and 8th grade had just performed our ballroom dance recital, we went outside and popped bottles of apple cider. There was apple cider and laughter everywhere. I felt everyone's energy and excitement surround me. The feeling of community and friendship was just so immense at that moment making it a favorite CES memory."

Isabella $G$.
"I'm not sure I can name only one favorite memory. I think one of my favorites is at bowling when Caitlyn tried to throw the ball like Mr. Z., but ended up throwing the bowling ball upwards. When it dropped, the look on her face was priceless."
~Annelise J.
"Even though I have had many great experiences throughout my time at CES, I would have to say one of my favorite memories was the first time the entire class went to Echo Hill. I love when all seven of us are together, and I thought that Echo Hill was a great bonding experience."
$\sim$ Caitlyn $L$.


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