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# Into The Storm News

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## **ESP** The Magazine's Mission, Vision and Purpose:

Eye of the Storm Productions publishes **ESP** The Magazine, with articles and commentary written by CCA scholars to inform, entertain, celebrate and inspire the life and times of the CCA Red Storm school community.

Eye of the Storm Productions will document the life and times of Capital Christian Academy Red Storm scholars through *Eye of the Storm* Productions. There is much to publicize within a new school embarking on a new school year and we look forward to the new challenges and the new possibilities.

Capital Christian Academy Red Storm scholars, service (wo)men, and stakeholders are known for showing how much we care and how much we know.

We care enough to be a Christ-centered school because we know Philippians 4:13. We care about small class sizes and ideal scholar to teacher ratios because we know that a

high quality learning environment is essential to administering a high quality education. We care about raising the bar of academic achievement for our scholars because we know that we live in a highly competitive world where a high school student profile can be the launch pad for life.

Capital Christian Academy Red Storm's first school year theme is "How much do you care, How much do you know?" The information published by Eye of the Storm Productions will embody the school year theme. The school news, editorials, sports news and arts sections of this publication will be consciously presented in a way to inform, entertain, celebrate and inspire.

## **CHEERS!**

To  
CCA's  
Scholars  
of the  
Week  
Sept. 25th





**Marvion Criddle**

Some say he changed Einstein’s theory of relativity twice and some say he could teach Batman tricks about secret identities. Mr. Criddle, a native Washingtonian, has family roots in the Virgin Islands, New Orleans, South Carolina

and Georgia.

Mr. Criddle played high school football and never lost a regular season game in the four years when he played. Mr. Criddle told us, “I did not want to become a teacher but I was just naturally good at it.” He said he liked the Christ-centered environment at CCA and he liked the fact that it was a new school poised to

provide high-quality education. Mr. Criddle shared that he enjoys guitar lessons, reading, writing and boxing.

When asked ‘how do you maintain such a great relationship with your students?’ Mr. Criddle provided very enlightening quotes:

**Mr. Criddle at CCA:** Social Studies Teacher, Chapel Instructor & CCA Digital Media Club Faculty Advisor

*“It’s really important to know what is in a student’s head and for them to pay attention, for example, if I see people are getting bored I try to crack a joke if my jokes get old or not funny I [adjust]...I’m just here for whoever needs me.”*

*“If you can’t teach it to a six-year-old you don’t understand it yourself.”*

Written by **Tafara Madhovi, 2020**, and **Colston Cole, 2020**

**RED STORM SCHOLAR PROFILES - Get to Know: Josiah Gill & Tania Hill**



*Fav Subjects Math & Science  
Motivation Disproving Doubters  
Skills Fixing Cars, Playing Sports*

**Josiah Gill** is one of the captains of Capital Christian Academy’s Red Storm’s football team. Josiah endured a difficult off season with his new team but is now ready to have a good season. He also is enjoying building cars with Dr. Davis in Science Class.

The Red Storm team opened the season with back to back losses but after those setbacks, **Josiah** continued to encourage his team to work harder to prepare for the rest of the season. Josiah is a great captain because he never gives up. He hopes to attend California University.

Written by **Valentine Bina, 2019**



*Born Honolulu Hawaii.  
Nickname Nia  
Goals Study Engineering*

**Tania Hill** credits the teachers and administration at Capital Christian Academy for providing a great opportunity to grow and prepare herself for future challenges. Tania is a senior at Capital Christian Academy where she serves as a Captain for both the Lady Red Storm basketball and volleyball teams. Nia credits basketball giving her most of her opportunities and experiences in life so far.

**Tania** is motivated by the mindset of refusing to let anyone stop her from reaching her goals. During her interview we talked about Tania’s strengths and weaknesses. Tania shared that she is strong and confident during challenging times. She regularly steps up during the toughest moments. When speaking



about her weakness Tania reminded me that in life we all have different things that we struggle with but we can’t let that take us away from our goals. She says that she looks forward to future accomplishments and contributions.

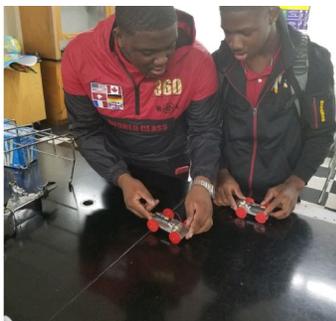
Some things she has accomplished already in her career are, becoming a freshman starter on her varsity basketball team and being named MVP of her basketball team the last two seasons.

**She has also received a Division 1 basketball scholarship to play for the University of Maryland Baltimore County Lady Retrievers.** Nia’s story motivates me because it lets me know that when you work hard you can achieve your goals.

Written by **Michaela Graham, 2018**

# INTO THE STORM SCHOOL NEWS

## ELECTRIC CARS



By **Zoie Hardy**, 2019

In one of my favorite classes, Science Robotics and Engineering, Science teacher **Dr. Valerie Davis** is allowing each student to build an electric car that includes a chassis flatbed, a motor, both small and large gears, short and long axles and of course wheels. Part of the challenging fun was assembling the cars to make sure they run properly, but the serious fun begins when we race our cars on two different slopes. Our newest slope is 48cm tall.



I interviewed my classmates who seem to enjoy this class as much as I do. Josiah shared, “This has been a very fun experience and challenging job to construct the electric cars.” **Tenise Quick**, Class of 2019, also said, “This is the first electric car I’ve built and it is amazing.” This experience so far has been great and I think we all are excited to see what Dr. Davis will teach us in the future.

## SAT BOOT CAMP



One major key to the academic success at Capital Christian Academy is its approach to improving its scholars SAT/ACT test scores. **Ms. Windy Jordan** heads up CCA’s SAT Boot Camp. Mrs. Jordan is a noted expert in the field of education and has a proven track record of propelling students towards academic success. The school year began with CCA scholars taking a mock SAT. The mock SAT provides a baseline of information on the academic strengths and weaknesses of each individual scholar. After the assessment and review scholars spend several Saturdays with Ms. Jordan to develop strategies and increase knowledge and skills to improve their scores.

# EDITORIALS



## Ending Football because of Violence?

The Case for Football By **Joseph Davis, 2018**

In recent years the game of football has come under attack from the professional football league all the way down to little league Pop Warner football. Some people suggest that mothers should not let their son's play football because the sport is too violent.

I love football and believe football should still be played because so many kids really enjoy playing. Football is also a stress reliever for some people, like me. I feel completely carefree whenever I am on the field.

I understand how some view football as very violent but most sports have some level of aggression and violence. In addition to violence, sports and the nature of competition also provide valuable life lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, facing challenges and overcoming obstacles.

People have legitimate concerns about concussions but you can really get a concussion from any sport like lacrosse, soccer, basketball, and baseball. If you want to end football because of concussions then you should consider ending all sports. I say football is a way out because there are countless stories in College and the NFL of players who came from nothing and found a way to become successful in life because of football.

## The Argument for School Uniforms

By **Jewell Nance, 2018**

A mandatory school uniform policy will create better safety, more social order and better school experiences that will increase student attendance. This issue is important enough that I believe a law should be enacted to enforce school uniforms.



Studies like one conducted by academia.edu show suspension rates decline 28% and fights decreased 51% in uniform schools. The guardian.com reports that roughly 160,000 students miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students.

Anecdotal data suggests that school uniforms eliminate various forms of peer pressure associated with clothes and appearance and ultimately adds to a safer, healthier learning environment. The hassle and anxiety of picking out a good outfit can be eliminated with school uniform policies.

School systems should also recognize that students in uniform better represent their schools and promote a better school image to the surrounding communities.

EDITORIALS



**THE NEED FOR COLLEGE**

Is College “Worth” It? By **Delante Massey, 2018**

College should not be deemed a necessity if it is priced as a luxury. Growing up as a child in the American school system, you hear all the time about how you need to go to college to do well and be successful in life. If I need college in life why do I have to pay so much money to go?

According to [www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com) the average cost of tuition for in-state residents is \$9,650 just for one year. At the end of four years of college, you may have nearly \$40, 000 to pay back. Granted, there are scholarships, grants and other sources of financial aid but not everyone can qualify for those. If you go out of state for college you are paying an average of \$24,930 a year so at the end of four years, you may owe \$99,720, according to [www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com). That’s more than the average starting salary for the 2016 college graduates (\$50,556 which is a step up from 2014 when the average salary of college graduates was \$48,127 according to [www.time.com](http://www.time.com))

Conventional wisdom suggests that you need college to be successful, however only 27 percent of college graduates get jobs in their desired career field according to the Washington Post. If I am not guaranteed a job in my desired career field why am I paying so much money for college? Even a better question if I am not guaranteed a job, what is the point? Why should anyone who has the desire to go to college not be able to go because of the financial issues that come along with it?

The solution for this problem is college tuition should be paid by taxes. American citizens pay taxes for education K-12 so why not pay or at least further subsidize college tuition with tax dollars?

CNBC recently reported that forty years ago college costs rose slower than the prices of other goods and services. The article also reports that by the 1990s, inexplicably, college costs began rising faster than the cost of other goods and services. To review the entire report please visit the link below:

<https://www.cnb.com/2015/06/16/why-college-costs-are-so-high-and-rising.html>

Academic Year	In Current Dollars				
	Tuition and Fees			Tuition and Fees and Room and Board	
	Private Nonprofit Four-Year	Public Four-Year In-State	Public Two-Year In-District	Private Nonprofit Four-Year	Public Four-Year In-State
1971-72	\$1,832	\$428	\$102	\$2,929	\$1,405
1980-81	\$3,617	\$804	\$291	\$5,594	\$2,551
1990-91	\$9,340	\$1,908	\$906	\$13,476	\$5,074
2000-01	\$16,072	\$3,508	\$1,642	\$22,240	\$8,439
2001-02	\$17,377	\$3,766	\$1,608	\$23,856	\$9,032
2002-03	\$18,060	\$4,098	\$1,674	\$24,867	\$9,672
2003-04	\$18,950	\$4,645	\$1,909	\$26,057	\$10,530
2004-05	\$20,045	\$5,126	\$2,079	\$27,465	\$11,376
2005-06	\$20,980	\$5,492	\$2,182	\$28,743	\$12,115
2006-07	\$22,308	\$5,804	\$2,266	\$30,487	\$12,837
2007-08	\$23,470	\$6,191	\$2,294	\$31,990	\$13,568
2008-09	\$24,818	\$6,509	\$2,382	\$33,800	\$14,372
2009-10	\$25,739	\$7,073	\$2,568	\$36,070	\$15,235
2010-11	\$26,766	\$7,629	\$2,742	\$36,465	\$16,178
2011-12	\$27,883	\$8,276	\$2,973	\$37,971	\$17,156
2012-13	\$28,989	\$8,646	\$3,154	\$39,447	\$17,817
2013-14	\$30,131	\$8,885	\$3,241	\$40,955	\$18,383
2014-15	\$31,283	\$9,145	\$3,336	\$42,445	\$18,931
2015-16	\$32,334	\$9,417	\$3,435	\$43,869	\$19,562
2016-17	\$33,479	\$9,648	\$3,520	\$45,365	\$20,092

# RED STORM SPORTS

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## RED STORM SPORTS ON A ROLL

Capital Christian Academy Red Storm went 7-0 - **undefeated** - in all fall sports over one week in September. On Thursday, September 14th, the Lady Red Storm volleyball team got the winning streak started with a stunning sudden death five-set win over Grace Brethren in their season opener. The very next day The Red Storm Football team shut out Hancock 22-0 in front of their home fans.

A day later, CCA boys basketball opened their fall season. Varsity boys beat Gwynn Park 57-37 and then beat Duval 35-33 in back to back games. The JV basketball boys held up the winning tradition over the larger public schools by beating Westlake 60-38. JV also won a second fall league game on Sunday.

The weekend was capped off by the Lady Red Storm Basketball team with an even more dominating win over Westlake girls, 66-31. If this stretch is any indication of the year then the Red Storm will be rolling all season.



## New Coaches, New Players, New Season for Storm Football

By **Michael Egbuwoku, 2019**

In the summer of July 2017, Capital Christian Academy Red Storm football team consisted of only 8 players and was without a head coach. By all accounts CCA's Red Storm football did not have enough to be considered a competing

team. However, by mid August almost 20 new players joined the team along with new head coach **John Carter**. The team that seemed to almost not exist this summer now looks to shock the high school football world.

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LADY RED STORM VOLLEYBALL Wins an awesome five set matchup to open the season.



COACH Cookie, Jasmine Woodard, Shanell Haskins and teammates enjoy a restful moment during their 66-31 defeat over Westlake.



CCA RED STORM FOOTBALL Post a dominating 22-0 defeat over Hancock under the Friday night lights <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7U1aoC8O20k>

THE RED STORM BATTLE

**Storm Football  
New Coaches  
New Players, New  
Season** *cont from page 6*



**CCA Red Storm  
vs. CMC  
Crusaders**

By **Dillon Manning, 2021**

As reasonably expected, CCA's football team lost its first two games. However, the second game was very competitive and was lost in dramatic fashion at the very end. The Red Storm team has now gained tremendous momentum and is enjoying a two game winning streak against Hancock and Thomas Jefferson.

The team of **iron men** has endured long practice days and daily weight room sessions. The practice and training regimen seemingly prepares each scholar athlete to play both sides of the ball and further fosters very good relationships within the Red Storm team. Players' morale seems pretty good and there is very good chemistry amongst the players and the coaches.

The Capital Christian Academy Red Storm football team traveled to Baltimore to play Central Maryland Christian Crusaders. The "Friday Nights Light" match-up started with our four senior captains, **Devante Cole, Joseph Davis, Josiah Gill, Jataevean McLean** taking the field and winning the coin toss. We elected to kick first but the Red Storm defense got off to a shaky. The CMC Crusaders drove down the field and scored a touchdown. After an unsuccessful 2 point conversion attempt, the score was 6-0.

Momentum shifted almost immediately as the Red Storm special teams returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown and took the lead with a two point conversion. The two teams played evenly for the rest of the half, however the game really turned up a notch in the second half. The Crusaders scored back to back touchdowns in the third quarter. Showing a true fighting spirit the Red Storm responded in the 4th quarter with 2 touchdowns and tied the game 20-20. With 30 seconds left on the clock, the Crusaders drove down to the 2 yard line. The Crusaders scored on the next play within the last seconds of the game. The Red Storm suffered a tough loss despite playing an inspired and hard fought football game.



**SENIOR CAPTAINS J. GILL, J. DAVIS, J. MCLEAN, AND D. COLE**

# LADY RED STORM



## LADY RED STORM STRIKE BACK TO WIN IN SUDDEN DEATH

*In the fifth and final set, CCA's volleyball team fought through adversity and injury to win their first game of the season*

By **Ryan Brown**, 2021

On Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Red Storm played Grace Brethren School. We felt great and had a positive mindset as we loaded the van and traveled to the game. "We are going to win!" **Victoire Dillard** confidently exclaimed. We won the first set, but **Ciara Crawford** fell and badly hurt her ankle. For a brief period of time in the game, we had to play with only five members. Somehow, Ciara was able to endure the pain and return to the game. She provided an inspirational display of courage and toughness. We lost both the second and third sets but maintained our determination. Spirited pep talks kept our energy levels high, and we knew we had it in us to win. We were able to win the fourth set after **Coach Mercedes** told us "Do not let them get to you. Dust off whatever mistakes you have made during this game."

The fifth and final set started with the crowd sitting in silent anticipation. The points were scored at a much faster pace than the previous sets. Momentum shifted back and forth and Grace Brethren appeared confident. But with one final strike, the ball landed on Grace Brethren's side and the Red Storm players and fans cheered out of excitement. My teammates, **Tania Hill**, **Michaela Graham** and Coach Mercedes helped uplift us while we were down. With our great minds, we thought and played alike in the last two sets.

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*How Much Do You Care, How Much Do You Know?*



## OFF-REaD

OFF-REaD serves as the Arts, Style and Life section of ESP Magazine. In this section we share reviews of movies,

music and other art forms that interest our school community. We also share our own creative expressions and art. If you have any creative art expression please share it with us and have it published in OFF-REaD.

## MATH RIDDLES

## PEN

## 'IT' MOVIE REVIEW

By **Skyleur Watkins**, Class of 2017  
Frostburg State University '21

By **Dimitri McCoy**, 2019  
*Red Tape Publications*

Based off of the infamously terrifying novel by Stephen King, IT had me and the audience squirming in our chairs every second. To say the least the movie was



- I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
- Using only addition, how do you add eight 8's and get the number 1000?

**For so long I wondered what for  
A purpose was hidden behind a closed door**

**Only a matured mind could  
understand A golden door needs a  
mighty hand**

**The matter of time and tears rang a bell  
Three fingers are a magical spell**

**Wishing to poke hesitant souls  
Diverse thoughts will unfold**

**As they can be delivered in many ways  
My work is in a phase**

**Breathing in the ink as if it were  
oxygen Powerful pages to hold hostages**

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utterly terrifying coming from my personal view. IT takes place in a small town called Derry. Dating back to 1868 Derry has been terrorized every 27 years by a clown named Pennywise. Nobody knows where he is from or what he is for the matter.

The reason Pennywise terrorizes Derry is to feed. While he prefers children, he will take anything he can get. The reason he prefers children is because they're easier to scare, lure and eat. Just before summer vacation begins Pennywise mutilates a child named Georgie by ripping off his arm and swallowing him whole after he tries to escape. After viewing this scene I was hooked and so was most of the audience. Suffice it to say

IT was an outstanding movie and I'd recommend anyone who is a fan of R rated horror movies to watch it. I'd say the movie is worth 2-3 re watches to understand the full context and all the details/hidden messages. Overall I'd give the movie a very scary 10 out of 10!

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