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ESP THE MAGAZINE WINTER EDITION CCA Red Storm Honors the Life Work of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others"

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed"

"The true neighbor will risk his position, his privilege, and even his life for the welfare of others"

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere... ...Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly"

"...Wemust never allow ourselves to become satisfied with unattained goals. "We must always maintain a divine discontent."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in

moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands

at times of challenge and controversy"

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"



ESP The Magazine Mission, Vision and Purpose:

Eye of the Storm Productions **ES** The Magazine to inform, entertain, celebrate and inspire the life and times of the CCA Red Storm school community.

In December and January we celebrated a holiday season that includes a celebration for Jesus Christ and a new year.

everyone that Christ the Savior is Born! We also celebrate the promises of a blessed new year.

In this edition we are honored to have publishable material from many members of our student body. For example, the class of 2020 contributed some of their scholarly work that resulted from their study of the William Shakespeare play, "Julius Caesar". Members of the class of 2021 contributed their "I Am" Poems written in the second quarter. And, the class of 2018 continue to provide editorial content to the magazine. Production of The Magazine was delayed due to the school's move to a 64 acre campus located at 8501 Good Luck Road.

In this third edition of **Ear** The Magazine we will continue to express how much we care, and how much we know by consciously presenting articles, pictures and content in a way to inform, entertain, celebrate and inspire you.

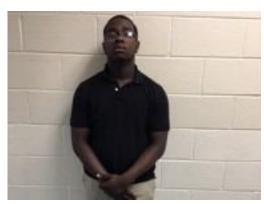
CHEERS!!

To all CCA Scholar's who earned Honor Roll Status for the Third Quarter



CCARED STORM Celebrates Published Poets Josiah Gill & Tenise Quick

Josiah Gill '19, Published Poet



Josiah Gill, helped serve as Captain of the football team in the fall, was elected to serve as Student Government Treasurer and now adds published poet to his resume. Josiah joins the ranks of Capital Christian Academy's published poets that include Isaiah Harrison, Dimitri McCoy and Tenise Quick.

Both Josiah Gill's and Tenise Quick's "I Am" poems were successfully entered in the Appelley Publishing National Student Poetry Contest and will be included in the <u>Appelley Publishing 2017 Rising Stars</u> <u>Collection</u>.



I am from heartaches and headaches

Most time with fakes

Dark rooms with the snakes

Screaming "stay in your place"

lam from new styles with class

Hairsprays covering the glass

I am from curry chicken and goat

I am from Mango trees Hot sunny days never had to drink tea I am from jacks and spades





CCARED STORM IAM POEMS

I AM By Tenise Quick '19

I Am From 3rd Street But. Also Channing From Northwest To Northeast

Uptown All Day That's What I Rep I Am From A Blacktop That Once I Step Onto

I Hear "Aye It's Little Quick" Or I'll Hear "Pick One Up" Or "Aye I Got Next" Coming From My Left And Right

I Am From Canes, Crutches, And Braces All Of These I Used On More Than One Occasion Canes, Crutches Help Carry Me And Braces Healed Me

I Am From Derrick And Patrice Both Connect Two Different Roberts To Their Only Granddaughter

I Am From A Family Where They Say "Be grateful for what you have in your life"

To "You Gotta Work Hard For What You Want In Your Life" But My Favorite Is "Shut up And Listen"

I Am From Brothers To Cousins Who Use The Blacktop As Church Michael Jordan As Their Jesus The Playbook as Their Bible And The Basketball As Their Cross

I Am From A Family Filled With Laughter And Joy From Good To Bad We Got Each Other's Backs I Am A Quick/Brown And I Am Who

I Am Because Of Them.

DREAMS AND PRAYERS

By Mark Jones '19

I am from laughs and cries, good times and bad from mom Shonda, Granny V., Butch and Dad.

I am from dreams and prayers, friends that all care. Perseverance and ambition which includes my basketball everywhere. I am from clothes all over my room to my speakers blasting bad whether I'm making music or listening to it, I always seem to draw a crowd.

I am from beer bottles and cigarettes laying through the streets. I am from crackheads and trappers at the carryout where they all meet.

I am from basketball courts in the yard, both front and back. I am from children playing outside and then asking me Lil Man coming back.

I am from paintings of Jimi Hendrix, James Brown and others growing up listening to groups like Jackson 5, Sly and the Family Stone and the Isley Brothers.

I am from creamy mac and cheese and savory smoked ham. Auntie cooking up spicy chicken, sweet coconut pie, collard greens, stuffing and freshly baked yams.

I am from "Say it witcha chest!" and "Hard work beats talent". I am from an outspoken culture, a seafood loving family, crushing crabs with the mallet.

I am from a certain bravado and charisma, roses with damaged petals. A spiritual family who keeps their faith in God and faces against the devil.

I am a tenacious character with a big mouth who strives. I am from Largo Road, a place in PG Maryland where only the strong survive.

I am from liberated ancestors a past of Kings and Queens. I am from prayers for wisdom, knowledge, and greatness...

And these are my Dreams!

GREATNESS IN DISGUISE By Nick Wiggs '19

I am Greatness in Disguise I wonder what5 heaven is like I hear my brother guiding me through life I see me and my grandma watching Polar Express all over again I want a trillion dollars I am Greatness in Disguise

I pretend that I am a bear I feel like I am as smart as can be I touch the hands of God when I pray I worry that one day all good things will soon come to an end I cry when the good times fade I am Greatness in Disguise

I understand that life is not always fair I say life is short so live it to the fullest I dream about waking up with no worries I try to be the best and hope to one day be everything I dreamed I would I am Greatness in Disguise I am Greatness in Disguise

I AM By Michael Egbuwoku '19

I am from family home I walk around and never feel alone Family portraits everywhere literally Uncles like Efe & Emeka Aunties like Evi & Uzezi All around the house its a little maisy

I am from a modern setting From electronics to pool table to cars I am the speaker out goes my bars

I am from people "watch the friends you keep" to "They're wild people everywhere" I hear this everyday of every year

I am from a place of fine African cuisines. We've got that J-rice with that loud spice. Soups and good food taste that sounds nice feel that punch-line

I am from a place with not many places. As a youth I enjoyed going to grandmas house or to my cousins Instead of food from ovens we'd go to Mr. Biggs. Sentimental things that make up a kid

That's where I am from.

BREAKING NEWS: The City is Still in Shock: Caesar Stabbed in The Capitol!

By - Denzel Ben Roosalem '20

Can you believe it? Julius Caesar, a significant Roman politician, general, and military leader has been assassinated!

According to sources the conspiracy to kill Caesar involved up to sixty Roman noblemen led by Cassius and Brutus. Fourteen senators actually took part in the stabbing itself. When Caesar entered the senate meeting, he was surrounded by a group of senators. Casca stabbed Caesar first, and the others quickly followed, ending with Brutus. It seems as though it was political killing. In fact, according to Brutus's speech, shortly after the murder, Caesar was killed because he was too "ambitious". His reputation was forged with a series of spectacular military victories. As his influence and status grew in Roman society, Caesar found himself increasingly surrounded by enemies. If you are asking yourself why, the reason is simple: They were persuaded that he had the ambition to snatch the total power of Rome and form a dictatorship that would neglect and even enslave the lower classes. Indeed, Julius Caesar was too ambitious and this murder was necessary.

Caesar first gained power, admiration and success after killing Pompey. Apparently, a lot of the senators did not want to pass the power of Rome over to the one who killed Pompey. Caesar mistakenly believed that he gained immortal status and was seduced by the idolization of the citizens. He was too arrogant and we could see his ambition through his behavior.

First of all, this ambition was seen through manipulative acts. Declining the crown given by Marc Anthony three times. Caesar desperately wanted the crown and he knew that the more he refused the more the crowd would beg him to take the crown. He knew how to win the favor of the Romans.

Finally, the conspirators charge Caesar with ambition, and his behavior substantiates this judgment: he did live for absolute power over Rome, reveling in the homage he received from others and in his conception of himself as a figure who will live on forever in men's minds. However, his faith of his own permanence in the sense of both his loyalty to principles and his fixture as a public institution eventually proved his undoing. At first, he stubbornly refused to heed the nightmares of his wife, Calpurnia, and the supernatural omens pervading the atmosphere. Though he is eventually persuaded not to go to the Senate, Caesar ultimately lets his ambition get the better of him, as the prospect of being crowned king proves too glorious to resist.

In conclusion, the Ides of March will remain a historical day because one of

the most significant, political leaders was killed. The facts prove that Julius Caesar deserved to be killed because he was too ambitious. I invite all of you to think the same way and support it, think about our Republic and your liberties because there is nothing more honorable than being a free Roman.

Caesar has been Assassinated!!

Written By Aaliyah Cheung '20

King Julius Caesar, who recently defeated Pompey and who was about to accept his crown, has been murdered. Reports suggest that Brutus and Cassius began planning Caesar's assassination shortly after he ascended as Rome's next leader.

Some are saying that Caesar had to go because of his ambition, but is ambition a bad thing? Surely not when you only want the best for your country. Caesar's death was unjustified. If he were as ambitious as Brutus says then Caesar would have taken the crown when it was first offered. Now Rome is without a leader.

If Brutus loves Rome then he should not have killed its beloved Ruler. Instead of Brutus I think our next leader should be Mark Antony because he worked closely with Caesar and clearly knows how to lead the citizens of Rome.

The Fall of Rome?

Written by Donovan Childs '20

Romans! We have another change at Emperor because Caesar was killed by "the honorable" Brutus. Many say Brutus was right for killing Caesar because Caesar was too ambitions. Then others say Brutus was wrong for killing Caesar because Caesar was the exact opposite of ambitious. I believe that Caesar was never ambitious and that Brutus wrongfully murdered Caesar. Was there another reason for Caesar's death? Is Brutus actually honorable? Can Brutus be trusted by the people of Rome? Is Brutus a traitor? I agree with many others who believe that Brutus is a murderer and that may never change.

Reports reveal that the idea to kill Caesar was birthed by Cassius, one of the men that actually helped Brutus kill Caesar. Witnesses told me that Caesar was warned multiple times that something bad was coming his way. Once by his wife who told Caesar that she had nightmares about his death. Another time by a Soothsayer who told Caesar to beware the Ides of March. And once again by Artemidorus who tried to hand Caesar a letter and insist that Caesar read it. Caesar rejected all three warnings but he did not deserve to die because of ambition.

Caesar was a much more honorable man to Rome than Brutus ever will become. You can already see the effects Caesar's death has had on Rome with the uproar and chaos taking place throughout the city. We need to mourn Caesar's loss but we also need to stop the violence in Rome. There is no need to punish our own country for one person's negative actions. We need to come together as a country instead and rebuild so that we can get an emperor in place that can lead us back to greatness.

At the end of this tragic day in Rome we have lost someone who has gone too soon and will never be forgotten. Caesar, known as a fierce leader, a great leader, kind to the people, but too ambitious to Brutus. Forever live Caesar and may you Rest in Peace.



SERMON TO SELF

TAKUDZWA MADHOVI '18



Takudzwa, there are things that you have to remember in life to live like a true Christian and to have meaning in your life. You should be able to humble yourself before the Lord and accept that you would not be were you are without Him. You have been brought here by God for a reason. Always pray to Him to create a good relationship with Him. Also seek Him always, whether in your happiest times to thank him or in the saddest for his guidance. You should also try your best to refrain from doing bad in any context. If you do all this, He will truly forgive your sins, and make you a great person. In life you have to understand that you do not have to be the "people's champion" to be liked or be a good person. The only one you should serve is God alone. Do not try to please people who will possibly be the end of you. Even when you think you are alone, God is there with you. Do not give up, no matter the situation you are in, God is there to help you through it and mature from it. Be a projector of God's

power to the people around you and help change then for the good through God's light. Show that God exists in their lives and looks out for them through you. Remember this by heart Takudzwa and apply it in your life because God will always be there for you and heal you. There is always hope in God, trust me- trust yourself.

RYAN BROWN '21



Dear 21 year old **Ryan**, of course love you dearly. And would want to meet you. But, there are some things my 2017, 15-year-old freshman self wants to address. First of all, you must surround yourself with all forms of positivity. The more positivity, the better. Be happy and do what you want. As 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.' Pray and worship God for all the great things he has done for you in life. You are God's masterpiece. Turn any type of negativity into positivity. Ask for forgiveness and be the best you can be. Everybody has done something bad before.

And it's nothing new. Galatians 1:10 says, 'for am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.' Do not please people anymore because that has happened too much in your life. Don't care what others say or think about you. Hopefully you've grown tired and let that thought go. It is your life, and you have the right to do what you want with it. But always remember to put God first. Because pleasing other people before pleasing God could lead to trouble. John 10:10 says, 'the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' God died for us so we wouldn't be thieves or kill. He died for us so we could all live beautiful lives. Don't be a thief and don't destroy things, especially positive thoughts or happiness.

It would be great if you could look back at this somehow. You'll probably find it funny, hearing it from your 15 year old self. But, don't take it personal (it was just a school assignment)!

~15 year old Ryan



CCA CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR



Thanksgiving is an amazing holiday and everybody should appreciate the people and things surrounding them. Thanksgiving always reminds us of what we are most thankful for. This past year I spent my Thanksgiving with my brother and mother. There is a ton that I am thankful for. To name a few, I am thankful for family, friends, God, food (especially Chick Fil-A), my phone, books, art, writing, teachers, sports, money, happiness, cars, cats, dogs, and laughing. I could go on and on about everything I am thankful for but, this paper was not meant for only this! Thanksgiving is an important holiday to me and so is Christmas.

Now, Christmas is my favorite holiday. There are many people that I would like to spend Christmas with. Personally, I would rather give instead of receiving. I want to get my mother everything in the world. I can't do that, but, I am able to paint her a picture and get other gifts. I know my little brother likes candy and toys so I can never go wrong with him. He could have everything in the world and would only pay attention to candy and toys. My favorite Christmas gifts are money and shoes. As I have gotten older, it seems like I don't want to receive as much on December 25th and I would rather give and see other people happy.

The most memorable occasion of the holiday season is the turn of the new year. The strike of the clock at 12am January 1 2018, represents a brand new glistening year. The year of 2017 was a blast and went by really quickly. Well, I am not one of those people who would say, "a new year, a new me". We should not change ourselves and make goals just because of the new year. It is nice to have goals but making new year goals may not be enough. I am hopeful that in 2018 I will be myself, I will be happy, I will meet new people, I will go to new places, relax, have fun and stay away from trouble and negativity. I remain hopeful that in 2018 I will be invisible.

Is Social Media Addictive? by Delante Massey '18



Social media is basically drugs

It is more than strange that people will socialize with you more on social media than they will in person. This is a problem because we are becoming a world where people only communicate with people on social media. This is a problem because the world is slowly shifting into a socially dysfunctional place.

The problem with people putting more information online rather than talking to people is that you now have millions of people who can access this information. This is a major problem today because a lot of young people are not aware of the repercussions of putting stuff into the internet. For example, social media content may jeopardize job and school opportunities. And whenever you put more personal business online you may have to worry about stalkers or hackers who troll the internet.

The images displayed on social media sites pose an additional problem for our society. These images being portrayed are things like beauty, what's real, what's cool. The problem is that the younger generations see these things and they start thinking these are the standards to live by when in reality no one lives by these standards and these standards are fantasies of what people wished they had or wished they were.

I am not saying don't use social media because social media can be entertaining but don't let social media tell you how to live and what to think. Form your own opinions on things don't be like everyone else on social media all day. Also, develop actual social skills before you try to socialize with people online.

According to socialnewsdaily.com taking selfies and using social media while driving has recently accounted for 80% of major traffic accidents in the country. Social media has proven to be an addictive habit that negatively impacts our production and causes us to lose focus while driving. It is time to limit the use of social media and make the world a safer place. Life BEFORE and AFTER Capital Christian by Josef Davis '18



Before coming to Capital Christian Academy (CCA), I had no motivation to do well in school. While I was a freshman at Bowie High School, and a transfer student to Belair Baptist in my sophomore year, I wasn't as focused as I am at CCA. My freshman year I had too many distractions in my classes and rarely paid attention in class because I was caught up in the commotion. By the end of my 9th grade year I hadn't pulled over a 2.5 and my parents knew it was time for change.

Transferring from Bowie to Belair was a big change I could focus more, had more help, and no more distractions around me, so at the end of my sophomore year I was pulling over a 3.0 so of course I had planned on going back. At the start of my Junior year I was doing ok until I got kicked out of Belair so I had to go back to Bowie, when I went back to Bowie I got into the same stuff never going to class, leaving the building, never doing work, just doing enough to pass, by the end of my Junior year I was only getting a 2.3 gpa.

That's when my dad got information about a school called Capital Christian Academy which I didn't know a lot about but it was basically a second chance for me to do better which I took full advantage of; I got to play football again, got to surround myself with a a lot of students who want to do something with their lives, and I got the option to reclassify. I didn't want to do it but I knew I had to if I wanted to improve my education. Things worked out for me at CCA and it was the first time I got good grades all four quarters and felt confident that I could make it in college.

As I ready for my next transition to Averett University in Virginia from Capital Christian Academy, I am happy and satisfied with where I am and excited about where I will be.



by Bria Wadley '19



THE POWER OF

Kindness is free. It's what saves lives. It's what makes someone's day. It's one of the key elements to a purified soul. In these examples, people are kind to make people feel good about themselves. Kindness is generally defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness: a beautiful state of mind. In these examples, it shows that kindness is a necessity to everyday life. In order to understand the importance of kindness, people need to be aware of how kindness can affect a person.

It may help to examine a situation; a kid in middle school doesn't have a stable life at home and gets bullied at school. That kid sees no light in the tunnel (with life) and decides they want to commit suicide. That same day, in school, a classmate smiles at them and sits with them at lunch. The kid who was initially contemplating suicide, no longer has it on their mind anymore. Nevertheless, both of these people benefit from the kindness given; a person who no longer feels alone *because* of kindness, and being kind to someone usually gives people a good feeling inside.

It's important to have kindness in our lives because you never know what a person is going through; the girl you're laughing at because she's pregnant could've been raped. The person you're making fun of because they're "fat" doesn't want to eat anymore. There's so much darkness within people's backgrounds, and kindness can truly uplift and inspire others.

I had a beautiful experience involving kindness during lunch. I was in line ready to buy an apple soda, and noticed there was only one person who wasn't getting any lunch because they didn't have money. I started to remember that they never brought lunch or money because their family had financial troubles.

That day, I brought lunch and decided that a person having a full lunch (which they're not used to) was more important than me getting an apple soda. I gave the boy the amount it costs for money + some so they have money for the rest of the week.

In conclusion, kindness is giving people hope in this world. Kindness is love. Kindness is a beautiful state of mind. Most importantly, kindness is free. It doesn't cost anything. Solely for that reason, people should sprinkle it everywhere.

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RED STORM SPORTS

LADY RED STORM COMPETE IN THE TITLE IX CLASSIC

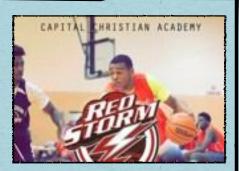
by Michaela Graham '18

During the course of the winter break, from December 28-30, the CCA Lady Red Storm played in the famed Title IX (9) Classic in Washington, DC. Teams from all around the world competed in a series of games to win in pool play with the potential to advance to bracket playoffs. The annual tournament is a gathering place for top college coaches and recruiters including head coaches from topranked UConn, the University of Maryland and eventual NCAA Champions, Notre Dame.

Our team played against 3 teams ... Saint Laurent Canada, Sinai Christian Academy, and DME. Although we had three tough losses, at the end of the event, we knew that we had given our best. We always hit the court knowing what we had to prove to other teams, and the many college coaches who were in attendance.

Sometimes, it doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's all about how much work, heart, and effort you put in to play a good game.





BOYS VARSITY TRAVELLED TO OHIO, RHODE ISLAND, TENNESSEE & KENTUCKY OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK



SENIORS ISAIAH HARRISON, DJ BARNETTE, NDONGO NDAW AND JORDAN BOLDER AND FOPE WIN BIG ON SENIOR NIGHT



JV BASKETBALL WON THE IDEA PCS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT AND FINISHED THE REGULAR SEASON WITH 15 WINS & JUST 2 LOSSES

LADY RED STORM























CCA now sits on a sprawling 64 acre campus in Lanham, MD (above). Pictured Below from top left to right Class 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021



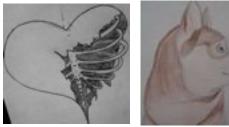








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Artist: Tudor Lungu '20

Red Storm at the Movies

In our never-ending quest to educate, incite and inform, Capital Christian Academy strives to introduce our Scholars to movies that are socially conscious and culturally and historically relevant.

In years past, CCA students have seen and later discussed biographical films including *Free Angela and All Political Prisoners* (the Angela Davis story), *42* (the Jackie Robinson story), *Get on Up* (the James Brown story) and *Queen of Kwate* (the story of Ugandan Chess Master Phiona Mutesi), among others.

With the release of the new movie **Black Panther,** CCA was pleased to take part in movie blockbuster history.

Black Panther received so much publicity and high praise that it essentially sold out across the country opening weekend.

However, CCA was able to secure 30 tickets for a President's Day showing.

Film Synopsis:

After the death of his father, T'Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T'Challa's mettle as king -and as Black Panther -- gets tested when he's drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people.

Having screened the film, we can attest to the fact that it is very much socially conscious and culturally relevant based the compelling themes relating to heritage, tradition and respect for history and ancestry.





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The Return of CULTURE By Dimitri McCoy 19 Red Tape Productions

The legendary rap trio "Migos" has announced the release of a part 2 to the Culture album. Not many details have been given about who's going to be on the album nor have we been given any snippets of any new songs.

Due to the success of the first Culture album with many A List rappers and producers such as Dj Khaled, Lil Uzi Vert, Gucci Mane, 2 Chainz, and Travis Scott, fans are thinking that it will do as well or even better than the first album.



Many songs from the first album like "T-Shirt", "Bad and Boujee", "Slippery", and "Deadz" were previewed and music videos were made before the album was released which helped boost sales from the release date and beyond.

In summary, it appears that the Migos are poised to own the rap game by the end of 2018 if they are not already on top.

