



SEPTEMBER 2011

Upcoming Events:

- **Los Angeles County Fair Field Trip (Elementary)**
Friday, September 16
- **End 5 Week Period**
Friday, September 23
- **GBCS Open House**
Tuesday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM
- **La Brea Tar Pits Museum Field Trip (Jr./Sr. High)**
Thursday, September 29
- **School Pictures**
Friday, September 30
- **Elementary Basketball Tournament**
Monday-Friday, October 3-7

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The Crusade

Say Hello to *The Crusade*!

Hey people! Put a smile on your pitiful faces and say hello to the first edition of the *Crusade*! Once a month, on a Tuesday, the Journalism class will send out a new edition of the school newspaper. Our staff includes Chika Okeke, Aaron Ramos, Jacob Bernal, Jason Jones, Dawa Tecson, and, yours truly, Grace Campbell. We promise to make sure that this newspaper is exciting and fun to read... or at least we'll try. Anyway, inside you will find interviews, "tall tales", upcoming events, current events, comics, and other stuff (see index). Please

promise to read at least half of this before throwing it away. And you should not be throwing it away anyway-recycle! But do not let us see you recycle it or we will be sad. Well, more like mad, actually. But that is beside the point. The purpose of this newspaper is not for it to be thrown away, but for it to be read by all who are bored. Anyhow, I hope you find this interesting, and be sure to look for our next edition coming out Tuesday, October 11. Not that you have a choice, of course. Hope you enjoy!

— Grace Campbell



The Staff of *The Crusade*

The New Crusader Logo

Created by Tim Weldon the new logo of our school looks very unique. Last year's logo was good, but this one is just a "Boost of morale", said Joshua Tecson, I agree with you Josh. Principle Weldon passed out a slip of paper to every student, this slip read "What do think about

our new logo?" All of the students supported the logo with positive reinforcement except for one girl, I will not mention her name, but most of you know who she is. This girl wrote on her slip of paper "I HATE IT" how could you degrade this awesome logo which good old Tim

made? But aside from that, many of these slips were filled with comments which caught my eye. These were the ones that suggested we get sweaters, polo shirts, and even pennants; for more school spirit and extra Morale!

— Jacob Bernal

Staff Spotlight



Mr. "Funny" Phillip Goltiao

Mr. Phillip Goltiao, that is Phillip with two L's, is a hilarious, intelligent, and talented teacher. He is the school piano teacher as well as the junior high English teacher. He has obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, and his credentials for piano are very high class. He is currently twenty-four years old and is married to Mrs. Rachel Goltiao.

When he was seven years old, his parents asked him if he wanted to play the piano. At seven years old, you'll say yes to pretty much everything. Mr. Goltiao took traditional lessons for several years, but he did not really like to practice. Oftentimes, he turned the timer to fifteen minutes ahead to make it look like he had practiced. It was not until about seventh grade that he developed a passion for the piano. He started to really practice and learn things on his own. He continued to take private lessons for the next fifteen years. During these fifteen years, he would get a new piano teacher and go to college.

At some point in college, Pastor Smith, the pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, contacted Mr. Goltiao. Pastor Smith called him to set up an interview for a staff position at our school, which would include giving private piano lessons. Mr. Goltiao had already had experience in teaching piano lessons because he has had students since he was in high school. He also was required to teach students in his music courses in college.

Mr. Goltiao's goal for his piano students is that they

conquer those songs that they think are too difficult. He wants them to be able to play any song that they want to. He wants them to improve in their playing and "to have the piano as a life-long companion." Occasionally, students have a hard time keeping their zeal with traditional lessons, but Mr. Goltiao has an alternate approach called simply music. "Simply music" allows the student to see instant results, but also makes it fun.

Mr. Goltiao has also won numerous awards. He has won high school valedictorian. He was accepted to contend in an international competition and received second place. He also won the Ira Sankey Award, a music award given by Golden State Baptist College. In addition to that, he won first place in a junior high chess competition. He has even had the opportunity to play in an hour-long solo recital.

Besides teaching piano, Mr. Goltiao also teaches English class. His English class has "fun days" which are totally centered around food and games. You are definitely not allowed to be bored in his class. He really enjoys teaching the junior high students.

Aside from salvation, Mr. Goltiao believes surrendering his life to God at youth camp was his most important decision. By surrendering his life to God, Mr. Goltiao put himself on the path to living a wonderful life. Since this significant decision, he has gone to Golden State Baptist College where he met his amazing wife. They have been happily married for two years now.

One of his regrets is "not taking piano more seriously." Mr. Goltiao did not develop a passion for piano until he was in junior high. Actually, he did not even like to practice. Now, he often wonders how much better he could have been if he would have practiced.

Mr. Goltiao knows that his Dad, family, and church have had the greatest impact on his life. Growing up Mr. Goltiao and his dad did not have the best relationship, but now he sees that his dad was a really good father. He now sees that everything his dad did was to help him. He grew up in a Christian home, and he is especially thankful for this fantastic advantage. He says his wife and family are the best things that have ever happened to him. He also attended Calvary Baptist Church in American Canyon, and a good church will unquestionably have a positive effect on you.

"Beaches and food." Mr. Goltiao and his wife love to visit different beaches. He also loves to try exotic foods. If you ask him about any city in California, he could probably tell you about some super appetizing food. Trust me this guy is always talking about food. He claims eating a Burger Lounge burger in San Diego to be the craziest thing. Yes, he is a real daredevil.

Under all that craziness, Mr. Goltiao truly cares for the students of our school. He desires that all of our students exercise "positive peer pressure" to transform our school for the Lord. His advice to us is to "be a transformer not a conformer."

— Chika Okeke

*"Be a Transformer not a
Conformer"*
- Mr. Goltiao



Student Life

Summer Vacation

After reading everyone's summer reports, I only had two things to say. First, the majority of our Learning Center spent their summer eating, sleeping, and watching T.V. That is the future of America. Secondly, I feel sorry for all the teachers who must read your ridiculously pathetic five-sentence paragraphs that

contain at least four run-ons. There were a few interesting stories, however. Some kids traveled across America, and others even went to other countries. Also, everyone who went to Youth Conference and Youth Camp was able to hear a lot of great preaching and made numerous godly decisions... except all

of you cold-hearted people whose hearts are harder than rocks. Oh wait, that's all of you. Ha ha! Just kidding. I am sure you all had some type of fun this past summer. Now let's concentrate on having a great school year so that next year I will not have to read about all of you going to summer school.

— Grace Campbell

Back to School: *Spiritual Emphasis Week*

On Monday, August 22, 2011, Gethsemane Baptist Christian School started. For the first week of school we had Spiritual Emphasis Week. We were blessed to have Pastor, Brother Reynolds, Principal Weldon, and es-

pecially Pastor Ray. The students heard good music and great preaching. From Mr. Reynolds's message on starting the school off right to Pastor Ray's message on not fearing man there was a lot to learn. Spiritual Empha-

sis Week was helpful and needed for the start of GBCS. Through it we were reminded to make right choices and to start the school year off right.

— Jason Jones

Food For Thought: *The Mexican Tamale*

The Mexican tamale, a great belly warming experience, which most normal people love, this is probably one of the best Mexican foods you can get. A traditional Latin-American dish, which was widely spread among Mexico. Originating in Mesoamerica it was first known to be used in 1854, the Aztecs and Mayans used these among their tribes for their hunters and

troops. There are also reports that the Inca Empire used them before the Spanish visited the New World.

There are so many variations of this food. For example: Traditional, Specialty, Vegetarian, and Dessert.

Now that you're most likely hungry, let's see what's in these.

Popular Tamale Fillings:

- Pork
- Beef
- Chicken
- Chorizo

Tamale Dough:

- MASA HARINA (Dough used in Mexican cuisine made from ground corn soaked in lime)
- Beef broth
- Lard

— Jacob Bernal

Random Facts

- When you die your hair still grows for a couple of months.
- Every Year more people are killed by donkeys than by aircraft crashes.
- A cat's urine glows under black light.
- On average 100 people choke to death on ball point pens each year.

"Men do less than they ought, unless they do all they can."

—Thomas Carlyle

"We can throw stones, complain about them, stumble on them, climb over them, or build with them."

— William Arthur Ward





Aaron's Tall Tales: *The Helping Hand*

There was once a young peasant man who fished every day from high noon to dusk by an old rusty lighthouse. It was mighty tall in its excellence and all; it pointed upward to the sky and could be seen from almost anywhere. It was said the peasant man fished there because of how calm and quiet the waters were; as if the lighthouse was a silent guardian, watching over the seas. It was always said to have been because his wife had perished in the devilish waves; leaving him saddened. Despite the folk tales and myths, the most realistic story, is that he enjoyed the seas and loved to fish by the coastline. This, was true.

The wind was quiet and still; dusk was little under an hour away and the waves were mildly tense. The peasant man had been in his usual spot since lunch hour and knew it was almost time to depart. The wind was suddenly picking up speed. The peasant man questionably thought,

"The wind is growing stronger with quick haste! I suppose time is now lost upon me. I should begin to depart."

But his mind was caught off guard and he slipped on a rather small rock; he fell over the edge quite violently. He managed to quickly grab onto one of the vines hanging over the edge; and as fast as it happened, he soon realized: no one was around him. No one could hear his pleas for help. He was alone. Just him and the lighthouse.

Light was escaping him. Little under a few minutes would the sky be filled with darkness as black as space itself; and all hopes of him being rescued were clearly out of his current thoughts. Suddenly, the branch in which he was grasped onto, unexpectedly became loose. Dirt flew into his eyes and mouth, causing him to spit and cough brutally. The branch was slowly falling out of the cliff wall, barely holding up the peasant man. It was only held by a few small roots, which surely, would snap at any moment. The man was frightened. He began to yell for help. No reply. He wasn't expecting one. He yelled one more time. And this is what shocked him: a reply. He looked up in utter disbelief.

"Hello? Hello? Is anyone there?! Please- Please help me! I don't want to die!"

Someone approached him, his hand hanging down to bring the peasant man up. The peasant man grabbed the rescuer's hand and was hoisted up.

"Thank you! Thank you so much! You don't know how-"

The peasant man abruptly stopped. There was no one around.

More Random Facts

- *Because of the rotation of the earth an object can be thrown farther if it is thrown west.*
- *It is against the law to slam your car door in Switzerland.*
- *Cockroaches pass gas every fifteen minutes.*



Remembering 9/11

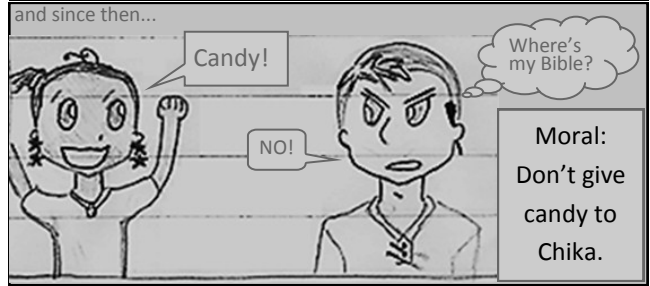
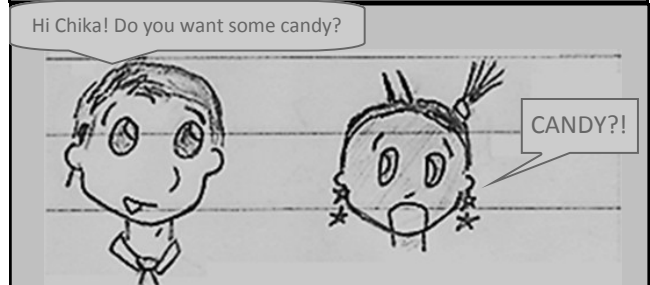
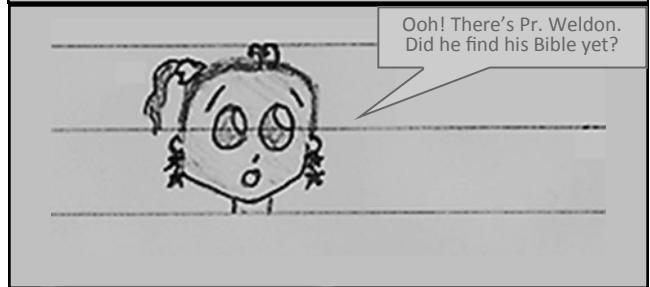
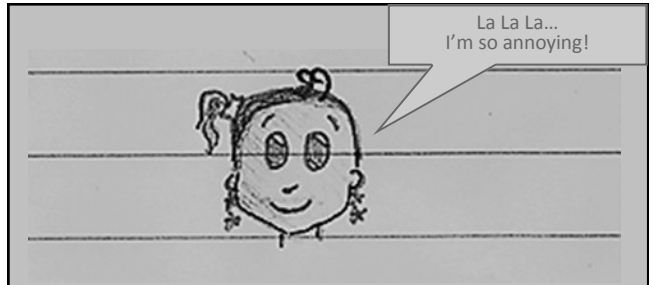
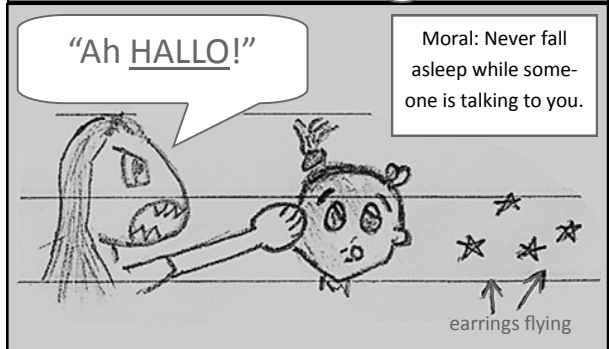
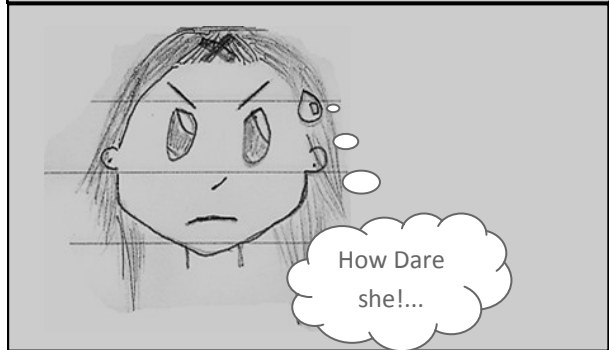
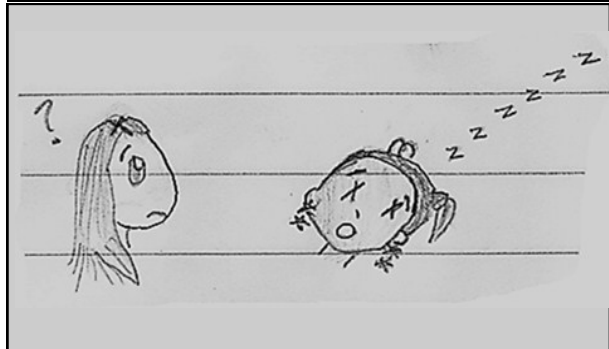
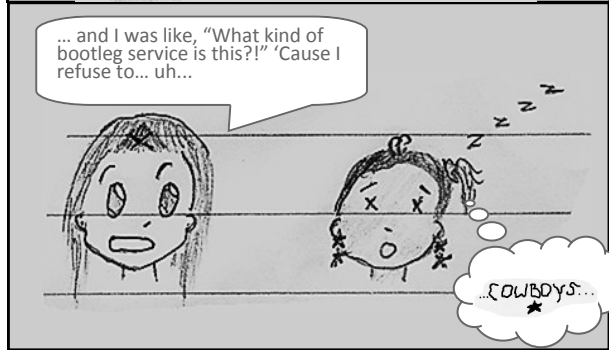
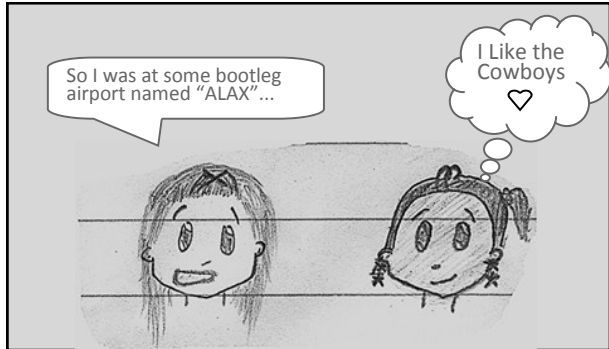
On September 11, 2001, two Boeing 747s crashed into the World Trade Center and devastated this country's government and people. Another plane also crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane was averted from the terrorist's plan, but also crashed and killed all of its passengers. On the tenth anniversary of this terrorist attack, the victims

of 9/11 are remembered and reflected on. The 9/11 memorial will officially open on September 11 in New York City. Those who died in the attack at the Pentagon will be honored at a ceremony of 700 people, including family members of the deceased and members of the military. It will take place at the Pentagon Memorial, which opened in

2008. A commemorative service to honor those who died on Flight 93 will take place at the Memorial Plaza in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Thousands will mourn for the hundreds of people who died in the tragic incident and will continue to remember them in their hearts.

— Joshua Tecson

Cartoon Corner



10th grade Doll Nickname

Who Am I?



9th grade "AA"



9th grade "My eyes and nose are smaller than they appear."

Survey Says:

Which Type of Hand Sanitizer do you Prefer?

Tie between **Germ-X** and **Purell**

Student most likely to be President?

Joshua Tecson

Dr. Pepper or Coca-Cola?

Dr. Pepper 67.5%

Coca-Cola 32.5%

Grilled or Fried Chicken?

Grilled 34.9%

Fried 65.1%

Alien or Zombie invasion?

Alien 36.8%

Zombie 63.2%

Kit-Kat or Reese's?

Kit-Kat 62.8%

Reese's 37.2%

In-N-Out or Five Guys?

In-N-Out 85.4%

Five Guys 14.6%

Hurricane Irene: A Washed Out State

On August 28, 2011, a hurricane hit the East Coast. The hurricane, which was named Irene, did over \$1,000,000,000 worth of damage. One state in particular had 15 inches of rain fall on its' state alone. This state, Vermont, has had flooding before, but Hurricane Irene is said to be the worst flood in 83 years.

Homes were left without electricity. Ten percent of Vermont lost power because of this disaster. Flood waters covered hundreds of businesses with mud-slimes muck. The water was so strong that it tore wholes into solid concrete structures. Car tops had marks from the water and the hurricane even picked up

a photography business and carried it over 20 feet from its regular foundation. Even though this hurricane did all this damage; people said that it could have been worse and that they

were well prepared. The old timers said they had never seen anything like it. Vermont and the entire East Coast agree.

— Jason Jones

