

Do Not Hide, Just Abide

JH Students Celebrate Their First-Ever Retreat

By Reese Miller, Eagle's Eye Staff Writers

What a blast! At the beginning of October, QCCS had its first middle school retreat in the school's history. With some games similar to the high school retreat, there was fun, friendly competition, and another rough battle for winning the house cup. With a great fight, Israel captured the win. Here are some things Israel participants have to say about retreat.

“What were some of the best parts of retreat?”

Ariel Agbezouhlon: “A lot of the games and worship.”

Randi Cate Garant: “Definitely the worship and the games.”

Carmelita Pompa: “Worship for sure!”

Joey Miller: “Mission Impossible, Capture the Flag, and Johnny at 3:00 AM.”

Will Kyer: “Chapel, games, and fishing.”

“What was your favorite game that you played, and what made it fun?”

Ariel: “Probably capture the flag.”

Randi Cate: “Mission impossible was my favorite, because it was dark and scary but in a good way.”

Carmelita: “Capture the flag, I liked running around the campground.”

Joey: “Capture the flag because I liked being able to run around with my friends.”

Will: “Capture the flag because we got to make up fun strategies.”

“What is one thing that you learned in the Bible studies you had with the catalyst team?”

Ariel: “I learned that social media isn’t good for you.”

Randi Cate: “I learned that we need to start prioritizing time with God.”

Carmelita: “How to stay connected with God and his word.”

Joey: “That God can move through anyone, no matter the person.”

Will: “That you need to let go of your distractions and focus on God.”



For the 6th & 7th-graders, “Would you like to have another retreat next year? Why or why not?”

Carmelita: “Yes 100%! I think God’s presence in chapel healed me spiritually.”

Joey: “I would like another retreat next year for sure, because everyone was really nice! Although I think we need a better unpacking system, it was chaotic.”

Will: “Yes! It was fun, we all got a break from our phones, and we got the chance to talk to people that we usually wouldn’t talk to.”

From the sounds of it, the middle school had a really great time when they were away at camp. Even though they only spent a night at camp, they still made a lot of memories with friends, and in the chapel. Obviously, the two most memorable games were Capture the Flag and Mission Impossible. The first-ever QCCS middle school retreat sounds like it was a wild success.

Welcome, New QCCS Staff!

By: Abigail Bennett, Eagle's Eye Staff Writer

Mrs. Houston may be a new teacher at QCCS this year, but she certainly is not a fresh face.

She graduated from this school in 2020, which is just five years ago, and has now come back to teach in the place she finished high school.

Mrs. Houston came to QCCS because of her experience here throughout her high school years, and her heart for all that the school stands for. She is enjoying being able to help the students learn in the way that she did just a few years ago. "I just love being able to pour myself into the environment that helped raise me," she said.

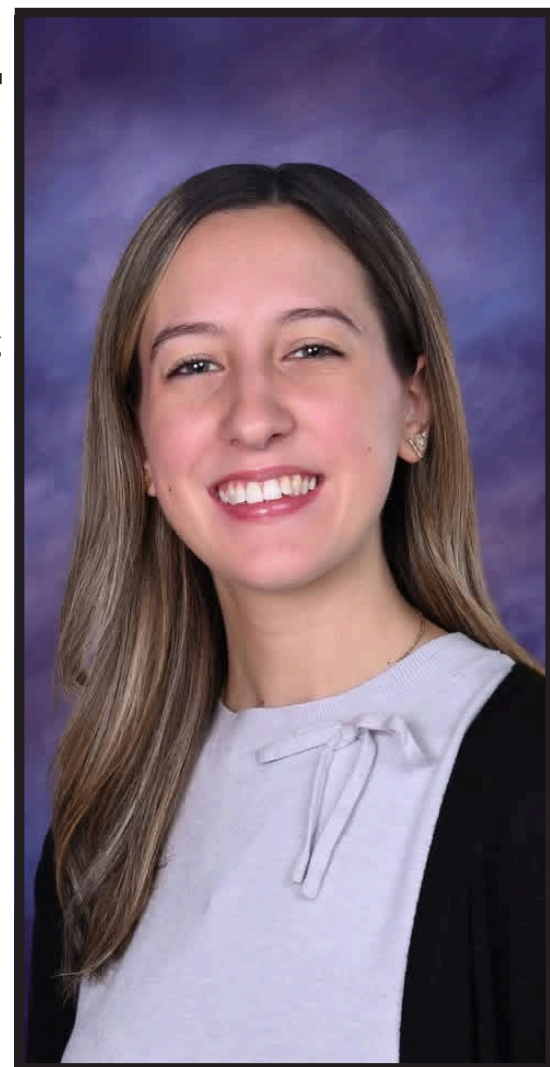
Teaching is no easy job. "Finding my love for math and wanting to share that with others is what really drove me to want to teach," said Mrs. Houston. But, how did she find her passion for mathematics? She says that encouraging teachers such as Mr. Nesseler truly fostered her love for her job, as well as opportunities to teach in other vicinities throughout her life.

Mrs. Houston has been incredibly overjoyed with her experience teaching here at QCCS so far. "I have really been impressed with so many students' desire to work hard and to learn," she expressed when asked about her favorite moment when teaching.

The fellow staff members of Mrs. Houston have been consistently kind and helpful in her teaching career so far. "All the staff members have been so encouraging and uplifting, especially as I've been having to learn the ropes around here," she said.

We are so happy to have Mrs. Houston as a teacher at QCCS this year, and look forward to seeing her future here unfold!

Mrs. Houston



By: Aiden Hardin, Eagle's Eye Staff Writer

Mr. Beebe

At Quad Cities Christian School, our teachers strive to help our students grow spiritually, academically, and socially. One of our new teachers this year is Mr. Beebe, who teaches psychology and world geography. Mr. Beebe – or Mr. David, as he is sometimes referred to by his students – is a QCCS graduate. He started in sixth grade and graduated, 2010. Between graduation and 2025, he went to Western Illinois University, majoring in psychology and counseling. It was after college that he wanted to become a therapist.

One of the questions I asked Mr. Beebe was, "What do you like about Quad City Christian Schools?" Mr Beebe replied, "I like the fact that I can incorporate the word of God, and different world views, and can still bring it all back to God." The second question I asked was, "Do you have a testimony?" He gave a great answer: "I would say that I had a hard upbringing as a student. There was a lot of anxiety, which led to soft addictions such as binge eating, TV addictions, and social media." He almost walked away from God feeling confused in his sexuality in his early 20s. God called him back by answering a prayer as a teen that if God wanted him to be married to a woman, He would provide one who understood the struggle. In his mid 20s, God brought a woman into his life who had the same struggle. They are happily married and have two kids whom he loves very much. When asked if he planned to return to QCCS, Mr. Beebe replied, "If they will have me, I would love to come back and teach!"



NICC Repeat Complete

Boys' Soccer Makes QCCS History

By Hannah Leihsing, Eagle's Eye Staff Writer

Commitment, dedication, and devotion are three words that define an amazing team. After a long, hard-fought season, our QCCS varsity boys' soccer team has demonstrated all three. The team won first place in the NICC tournament, making history and becoming reigning champions as back-to-back winners in the NICC. The championship was a team effort and several players got recognized for their hard work. Lyndon Sorensen got Player of the Year and first team. Players joining him on the first team are Tanner Garant, a senior homeschooler; Korbin Wolf, a junior; and Landyn Steiner, a freshman. Honored on second team are Jo Karl, a senior, and Zable Sanchez, a junior homeschooler. Luke Young, a senior, won the Christian Character and Honorable Mention awards. Every single player on the team contributed to the win, working together for the glory of God and maintaining their No. 1 spot.

I first asked Coach Garcia about their victory to get more insight on what she saw from the sidelines.

Compare the two championships that you won, how were they alike, and how were they different?

Coach Garcia replied, "Last year they really, really, truly won it because it was the first time they ever won that title. I would say what was different this time was they had the pressure of feeling like they were carrying on a legacy, and that's a hard thing to overcome, but they did it with such grace."

What are some of the obstacles that you face in winning two straight championships?

She said, "Having everyone believe in consistency in themselves. It's hard; it is a lot of pressure believing in yourself, so that consistency is really hard. That is why we believe in one game at a time and that every day is a new day."

I then asked players who won the awards how they felt about the tournament. Getting a real answer from a player who experienced it first hand helped us really understand the impact that a sport has in building their Christian character and how they feel about their team.

How do you feel about winning back-to-back championships?

Jo Karl responded, "It felt really good, especially defeating Faith Dixon after they beat us at their home field."

Luke Young replied, "I am extremely proud of all the hard work

and effort that my team has put in this season and in the championship games. Everyone is a family on our team and we trust every game. It is easy to play on this team when everyone is positive.

Lyndon Sorensen said, "So thrilled, no team at our school has ever done it. The anticipation to see those back-to-back years get thrown up on that banner in the gym is real. Having come off of a disappointing loss in the final game of the regular season, the emotions going into the game were fueled. I feel so proud and so blessed by my teammates and coaches."

Korbin Wolf says, "It was a great accomplishment and I am very proud of the team. "

Landyn Steiner answered, "It was really cool winning back to back. The championship was so much fun because we really played as a team and had Christian character even when others didn't."

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Battle for the Bronze

QCCS VB Takes Third Place in NICC



By: Ambrielle Martin, Eagle's Eye Staff Writer

This year, the QCCS varsity girls' volleyball team captured third place in the NICC Tournament, along with finishing third in the conference with a total of 9 wins and 5 losses. Despite their loss in their first game of the tournament, they made a major comeback and won all three games the next day!

At the awards ceremony, we got to find out which of our talented players obtained a spot on this year's All-Star teams. The All-Star team is a higher-level team made up of players with the highest stats from each team, hand-picked by conference coaches based on the skills showcased throughout their season. There were two All-Star teams that competed to complete the NICC volleyball season. We are proud to say that two of our Eagles, senior Maddy Bollinger (who also got the Christian Character award) and freshman Ambrielle Martin were chosen to be on one of the two All-Star teams, along with Ayda Kyer getting an honorable mention at the NICC awards ceremony.

To see how they felt about this season as well as earning a spot on the All-Star team, we interviewed a couple of players and coach Joe Ventris.

Our first question was for one of the All-Star players. We asked Ambrielle how it felt to be chosen to be on the All-Star team as a freshman. She said, "It will be an exciting game but also nerve-wracking having to play with girls that I've never played with before."

One week after the NICC tournament, the girls traveled to Quentin Road to participate in the Dayspring Tournament. After playing a total of thirteen sets, the varsity team finished with a 10-3 record and brought a 5th place trophy back to the Eagle's Nest for the first time in at least seven years!

To finish, we asked Mrs. Ventris, if the coaches felt accomplished with the team's finishes in both tournaments and how it made them feel watching their players crush it on the court. Here is the response:

"Finishing third in the NICC Tournament and fifth in the Dayspring tournament were great accomplishments for our team. The girls worked hard all season and showed tremendous growth, both on and off the court. We faced tough competition and battled through some close matches, so I'm really proud of how they came together and finished strong. This group set the bar high, and I can't wait to see what they do next season. It was incredibly rewarding to see the girls play so well. Their improvement throughout the season was clear, and they applied what they've been working on in practice. They stayed composed, worked together, and represented our program well. Watching them execute, encourage each other, and play with confidence was one of those moments that reminds you why you love coaching. I couldn't be prouder of how far they've come."



Pumped Up Runners-Up

JH Teams Take Second, 5/6 as a 6 Seed

By Tempie Ferry, Eagle's Eye Staff Writer

The QCCS junior-high volleyball teams finished their seasons with impressive matching accomplishments – second-place finishes in the Quad City 8 Tournaments.

The 5th-6th grade team went into the tournament seeded sixth; the 7th-8th grade team was seeded, and finished, second. We asked players from both teams about their seasons and tournaments. Here are how they replied:

Did you play differently in the tournament than during the regular season?

Emersynn Harness, Elena Linnaberry and Camelita Pompa all said that they did. Randi Cate Garant went into more detail, by saying, “We played pretty well in the tournament. I feel like we played better in the beginning and middle of the season and maybe it's because we were too confident.”

Describe your feelings on getting the second-place trophies:

The reactions were different between the two teams. Emersynn said she was really excited, and Elena said she was very happy. However, Carmelita said she was upset but happy. “I wanted first but second is still really good.” Randi Cate said, “I was very sad when getting second place, disappointed in myself, but we lost as a team and not alone and second place is still really good so we were so close to first.”

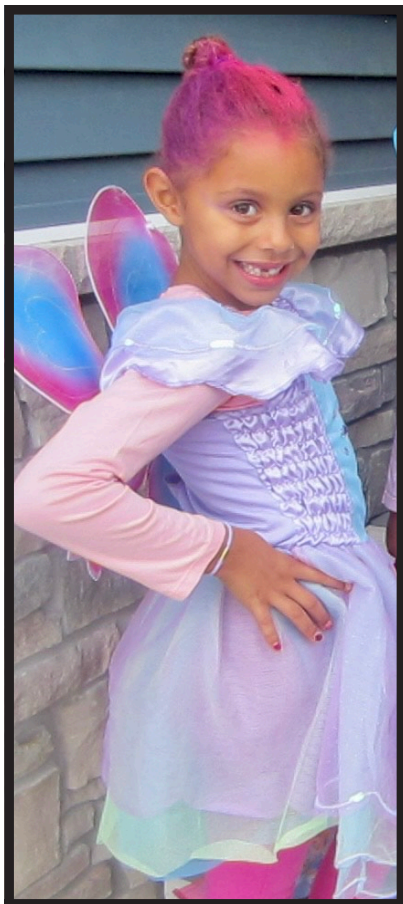
Were there any other season highlights other than championship highlights?

Elena pointed to “our first victory of the season.” Carmelita said it was “winning against Galesburg,” and, Randi Cate said, “A highlight was playing Galesburg in the Unity Tournament. Our team loves their team and we made a lot of friends. A big highlight for me was that I got a few blocks this season, which I’m really happy and proud of.”



Monstrous Memories

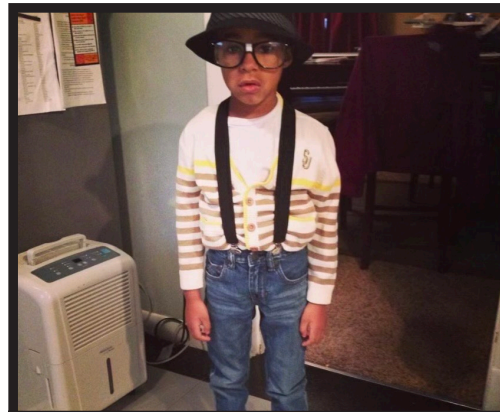
A Halloween Look at Our Seniors Long Ago



Jada Britton



Landon Lanning



Alijah Zentic



Orlando Jardini



Lily Day



Miranda Vedvik

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Soccer Repeat continued

How do you think your team played during the tournament and what do you think you did best?

Jo commented, "I think the team played possibly their best at the tournament. Mercy-ruling Tri-State was excellent and defeating Faith again was great. We did have some issues with communication during the Faith game but other than that, we were flawless. I think I did my best at one-on-one defense when they took the ball up."

Luke says, "I think my team played as a family; we played together and we all trusted each other. Everyone on the team played great and all fought hard. We played a little rough in the beginning, but we started to trust each other again and we all played for God. I played the best on defense and I helped my team defend the goals."

Lyndon replied, "I similarly could not be more proud of how we played, essentially our defense, having kept our opponents goalless in both games. We played two great games of transition and desire. I felt my defensive acumen was my best trait on the weekend. I caught myself getting first to and flying into tackles without second thought and I believe it helped our momentum profoundly."

Korbin insisted, "We did really well at communicating and

passing the ball to each other to score goals."

Landyn reacted, "The team played really well. It was so much fun playing with the group of people we had. We were really good at playing as a team, not individually."

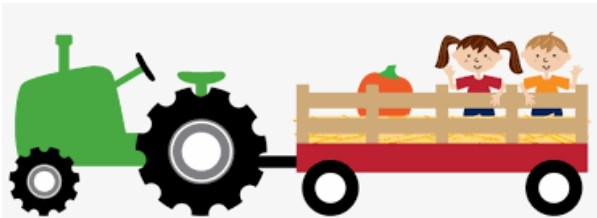
During a regular-season-ending game at Riverdale, many of our players were injured, leaving us with only 13 players in the Midwest Christian Schools Championship (MCSC), formerly known as ACSI. They won 3 games, taking the second-place trophy. They showed perseverance even through their hardest times and broke records for the glory of God. Congratulations to the soccer team, Coach Garcia, and all who helped along the way to our big win. This season will definitely be one to remember for years to come. Hard fought victories, a Godly team, and one goal made all the difference.



November Birthdays



Boston Perry - November 5
Bentley Posateri - November 5
Payton Munn - November 7
Titus Janecek - November 7
Mrs. Keller - November 14
Emersynn Harness - November 19
Logan Oppenheimer - November 21
Ambrielle Martin - November 22
Journey Payton - November 30



November Events

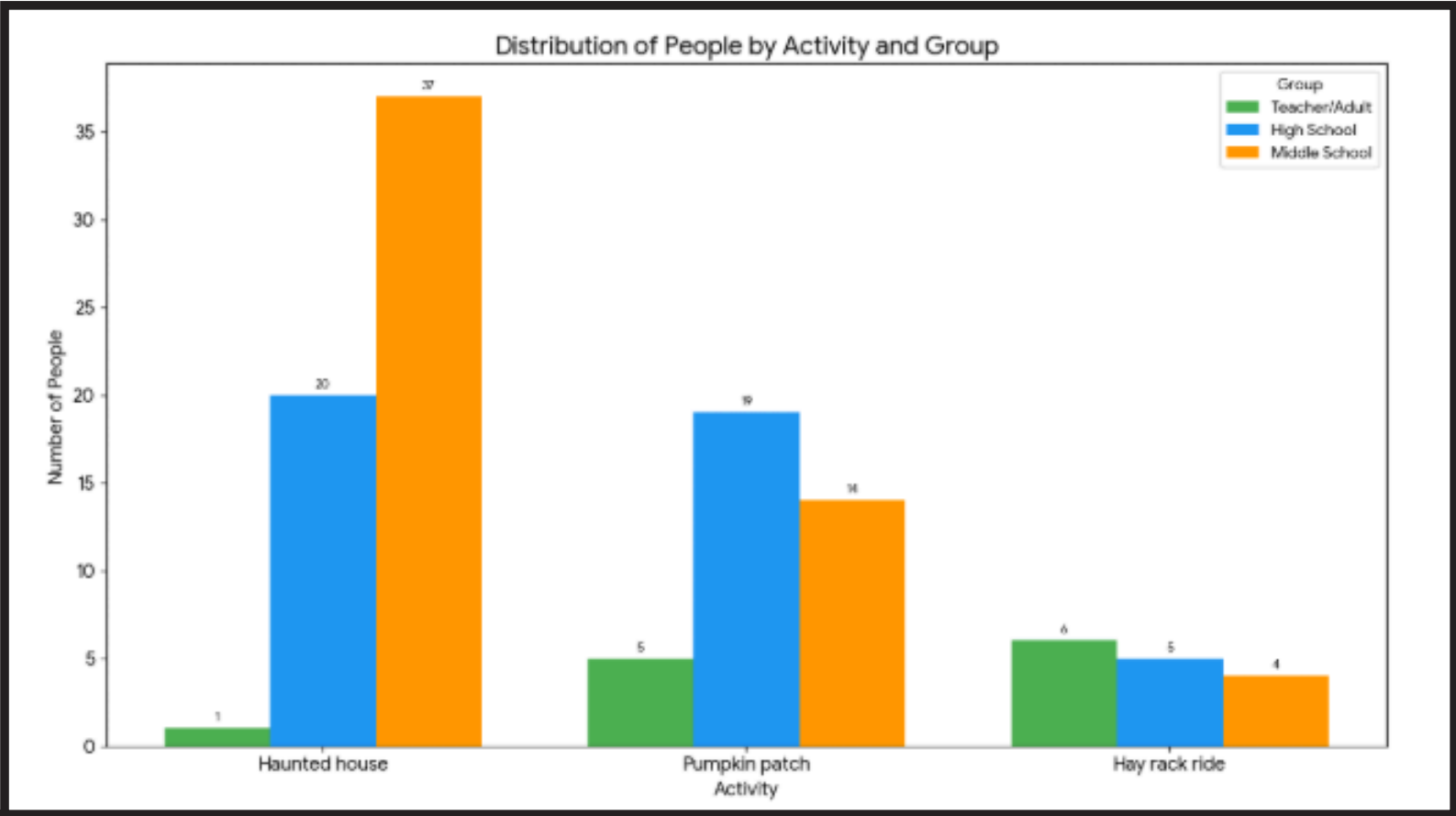
November 3 - JH Boys Basketball @ Hampton
November 4 - JH Boys Basketball vs. Coram Deo
November 6 - JH Boys Basketball vs. Jordan
November 10 - JH Boys Basketball @ Rivermont
November 11 - No School - Veterans Day
November 13 - JH Boys Basketball vs. East Moline
November 14 - JH Boys Basketball vs. TriState
November 18 - JH Boys Basketball @ Morningstar
November 20 - JH Boys Basketball vs. Jordan
November 21 - JH Boys Basketball vs. Galesburg
November 25 - Varsity Boys Basketball @ Morningstar
November 25 - Varsity Girls Basketball @ Morningstar
November 26 - 28 - No School -Thanksgiving Break

October Poll



Poll done by Aiden Hardin and Abigail Bennett
Eagle's Eye Staff Writers

What would you pick, a Haunted House, a Pumpkin Patch, or a Hayrack Ride? As you can see, our poll clearly favored one option, with the majority of both middle and high school students choosing to go to a haunted house. The majority of teachers, however, opted for the more laid-back options, with hay rack ride winning by one vote.



Lighting up the HOCO Night

Landon, Maddy crowned 2025 King and Queen

By Amiah Morgan, Eagle's Eye Staff Writer

Homecoming 2025 for Quad Cities Christian was all about having fun, making friends and making memories. The theme of this year's Homecoming was "Light Up the Night" with neon decorations, even on the floor! It was held on Saturday, Sept. 27, after the volleyball and soccer wins over DePue. We asked several students their thoughts on the homecoming festivities. Here are their responses:

The first question we asked was for our seniors – how was your last homecoming and did it meet your expectations? Ayda Kyer said, "It's sad but sweet in a way." She added, yes, she had a really good time and she liked the theme. Maddy Bollinger noted, "It was really good! It was bittersweet. It met my expectations by having the chance to party with all of my friends! International student Lylith Phan said, "It was pretty cool; I'm sad it's my last one." Zeke Lizano said, "I had a really good time and made the most of it. It was really fun being close to everyone, being able to dance with everyone, and being able to be comfortable. I was able to have fun without the pressure of being 'cool'."

The second question we asked was to the foreign exchange students: "How was your first American dance/event?" Junior Sofia Serrano said, "It was really fun being with everyone."

Junior Clara Rebolho said, "It was different, but in a good way. People were very energetic and loud. The music was also really good! Senior Orlando Jardini said, "My first and last one, but it was really good. It met my expectations for sure."

The last question we asked was for the freshmen about their first QCCS homecoming. Reese Miller said it was really fun. "I thought it would be awkward, and it was at first, but as it went on I started feeling comfortable around people I usually don't talk to. The music was also pretty fire -- thanks Mr. Jordan!" Tempie Ferry said, "It was fun and I expected it to be fun." Ambrielle Martin said, "It was really fun and met my expectations because the dancing wasn't awkward and everyone was hype." Koltin Wolf thought it was good. "It passed my expectations. There were a lot of people dancing and having fun." Hannah Leihising said, "It was really good; I had a lot of fun, and it was way better than my expectations." Ava Weede noted, "It was a lot better than I thought it would be." Simeon Lovelady and Landyn Steiner both called it fire. "It was fun dancing with everyone, and the music was really good," said Landyn.

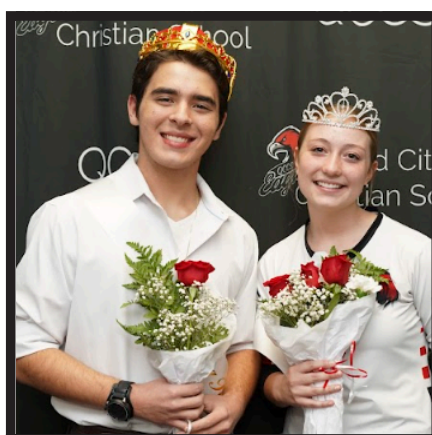
Homecoming Court

Seniors (King and Queen): Landon Lanning and Madeline Bollinger

Juniors (Prince and Princess): Ricky Lee and Ava Kipper

Sophmores: Lilyrose Scott and Tristan DeVries

Freshman: Koltin Wolf and Reese Miller



Court Candidates

Seniors: Jo Karl, Abigail Agbezouhlon, Zeke Lizano, Miranda Vedvik

Juniors: Jackson Karzin, Rynne Coder, Lyndon Sorensen, Celsey Bullock

Sophmores: Audrey Kyer and Asher Garant

Freshman: Simeon Lovelady, Ambrielle Martin, Titus Janecek, LaShay Sorenson

