



## **Patriot Faithful!**

Last Friday night, University City completed a long touchdown pass taking a 41-35 lead with 3:06 left on the clock. The Patriots blocked the extra point, and after the ensuing kickoff, engineered a thrilling, 58 yard touchdown drive, taking a 42-41 lead with 3 seconds left to secure the victory. Christian will be facing Morse High School for a second time, after coming from behind early in the season to defeat the Tigers 14-8. **Kickoff is at 7:00pm tomorrow (Friday) night at El Cajon Valley High School.**

It is a busy time at Christian High School as the fall sports are winding down and the winter sports teams are now ready for action. This new season brings **Wrestling** along with boys' and girls' **Basketball** and **Soccer**.

Our **Boys' Soccer** team kicked off the season this past Tuesday with a scrimmage win over Division II The Preuss School. Amidst a reloading year, the boys stood strong and showed some great promise for the upcoming matches. Please come show your support for the boys as they battle to win a consecutive league title this season!

The **Girls' Soccer** team is into their second week of practice and getting ready for our first game on 11/29 against Morse High School. We have a strong group of returning players from our DIII Semi-finalist team last season, and some talented freshman and transfers that have joined the team. Alumni Amber Michel (Class of 2015) has just finished another great season as the starting goalkeeper at the University of San Diego and will join us this year as our Assistant Coach. Our first home game will be on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am against Santa Fe Christian.

The Running Patriots (**Cross Country**) finished the league season strong. Sophomore Alaina Zamorano was the City League Champion for the second year in a row and is favored to win the Division V San Diego CIF Cross Country Championships this Saturday at Morley Field. Sophomore Leah Kunde and Freshman Allie Buchmann also placed in the top 7 at the League Finals. They are all vying for a trip to State. Juniors Shane Turner and Ethan Statezny posted huge Personal Bests at League Finals and look for strong finishes at Morley. We need continued prayer – fast legs, strong hearts and clear minds.

Christian High **Boys' Basketball** opened up at the Aztec Hoop Season Tip Off Tourney which boasts 7 of the top 20 schools in the county along with the #1 team in the State (Sierra Canyon 5th Nationally). The Patriots took on Sweetwater High School and after getting off to a slow start, Christian, led by Northern Arizona University commit Jackson Larsen hit a barrage of shots from all over the floor to take a 3 point

lead into half time. The game went down to the last second and although the Pats did not gain the victory it should be an exciting season ahead.

Our defending CIF Champion Christian High **Girls' Basketball** team will be playing at Etiwanda (top 10 in CA) on Saturday at 4:00pm. After a successful 2017-18 campaign, Christian was moved up from Division III to Division I this year. We are excited to see this talented team continue to rise this season.

**Wrestling** season is here! Coach Moreno is still looking for more wrestlers. The league season starts in January however there will be several tournaments in December. Practices are Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 6pm in the gym. If you are interested in joining, please stop by the gym and introduce yourself to Coach Charlie Moreno and assistant coach, CHS Alumni and 2016-2017 152 lb. CIF Champion David Moreno.

### **The Scouting Report:**

Morse High School is very simple on offense but scary fast. UCLA commit #4 Shamir Martin is the key running back for the Tigers that has explosive speed. On defense, the Tigers are quick to the ball and have good size up front. After a 5 turnover game in the first matchup against Morse and a 5 turnover game last week against University City, the key for a Patriots' win is: 1. Protect the football (no turnovers) and 2. Do not give up big plays in the running game. If the Pats control these two things, it will be another trip to the CIF Championship game for Christian.

**The Prediction:** The Patriots will find a way to tame the Tigers once again....

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**The answer to last weeks' trivia question:** The Christian High School athletic teams have won 50 CIF Championships.

**This weeks' trivia question:** How many times in the history of Patriot football has the team been ranked in the Top Ten (all schools in San Diego)?

See you all in **RED**, WHITE and **PATRIOT BLUE** at El Cajon Valley High School, tomorrow at 7:00pm! **CIF tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors (60+).**

***GO PATRIOTS!***

David Beezer

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