



### **Patriot Faithful!**

The Spring season has been **RED** hot for Christian High School Athletics as the mighty Patriots have posted win after win as we wind down the 2016-2017 school year.

Patriots **Baseball** will be playing for the Western League Championship tomorrow on the road at Madison. It has been an incredible season this year with the Patriots defeating every team in this tough league. Key wins this season against Saints, Cathedral, Grossmont and Madison have propelled this team to the #3 Power Ranking in all of San Diego's 103 high school baseball programs. We have qualified for the Open Division and the excitement will begin next week for the fight for the top spot in all of San Diego. Yesterday's 10 inning victory over Madison marked Coach Mike Mitchell's 496<sup>th</sup> career win. If the Patriots can navigate through this difficult Open Division field, Coach Mitchell will earn his 500<sup>th</sup> high school baseball victory in the CIF Championship game.

In **Golf**, Christian Senior Joey Vrzich tore up the competition winning the City Conference Championship in both stroke play (68, 68) and match play (5 rounds). The City Conference title is an amazing accomplishment as all the San Diego City Schools along with Saints, Cathedral and Coronado are included in the field. Joey, along with Daniel Kim have advanced to the CIF Championship Tournament. Trust me, if you ever need a ringer to win a charity golf tournament, take Joey Vrzich with you... (Olivia Hudson Foundation Classic Champions, Oscar Davila, Jeff Merritt, David Beezer and Joey Vrzich, -16).

Our **Swim and Dive** team at Christian made a huge splash at the CIF Championships this past week. Cole Owens was crowned CIF Dive Champion and will be in Fresno this weekend competing in the California State Championships. Our League Champion boys team was represented in the CIF Championships with Isaac Bongiovanni, Garrett Hail, Tim Vail and Noah Snyder swimming in the 200-medley relay and the 400-free relay with Noah Snyder swimming the 100 breast, and Garrett Hail the 100 free.

After winning the City League Championship, our **Boys' Tennis** team advanced to the individual league championships. Lucas Gemmer was crowned league champion after defeating Christian's own Bill Luo for the title. Leo Cui, along with Lucas and Bill advanced to the CIF Individual Tournament this week at the Barnes Tennis Center. Sun Huang and Jett Gemmer lost a heartbreaker to Morse in the league championship game, but advanced to the CIF Championships along with the teams of Alex Li and Jason Wang and

Cong Hu and Henry Lin in the Doubles Tournament. Congratulations on an amazing season!

In the tough City league, both boys and girls **Track** were runner-up in the league Championship race. Maddy Worley, Kate Wnek, Theo Goodwin, Jon Stine, and Delanie Sears have all qualified for CIF prelims this Saturday at Mt Carmel High School. Kate Wnek ended her regular season as the girls 400-meter City League champion and Benjamin "Theo" Goodwin as the boys 100 and 200-meter champion.

Theo enters CIF as the defending champion in both the 100/200 and is hoping lightning can strike twice at the 2017 finals.

The Patriots **Trap Shooting** team, having just come off two major victories at recent competitions, appeared on the front cover of Trap Shooter USA magazine. The team is gearing up for the state championship shoot in Kingsburg, California in June. Coach John Yeiser says, "We are excited for the State Final and expect to end the year with a bang!"

Our CHS **Girls Softball** team has had another outstanding year finishing league in second place at 9-3. The Lady Patriots head into the CIF Championship tournament seated #3 in CIF and will play tomorrow (Thursday) at home against Our Lady of Peace. The team has a .344 batting average with 14 HR's this season.

**The answer to last weeks' trivia question:** Patriots **Baseball** won the CIF Championship in 2015. After Nate Cazares hit a monster game tying home run in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, Trevor Howell (Utah Valley University) scored the game winning run tagging up from on a sacrifice fly by Kyle Stowers (Stanford).

**This weeks' trivia question:** How many State Championships have been won by our Christian High Baseball program?

***GO PATRIOTS!***

David Beezer

Christian High School Athletic Director