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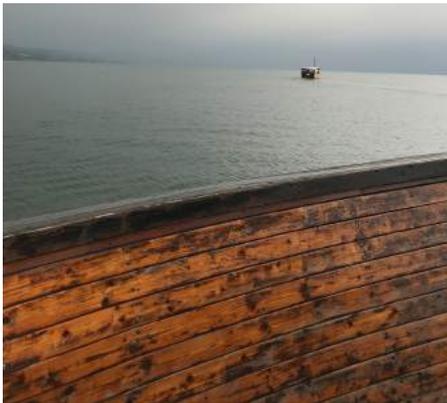
Immanuel Students, Staff, and Others Visit the Holy Land

by Ruby Rankin and Christian Gomez

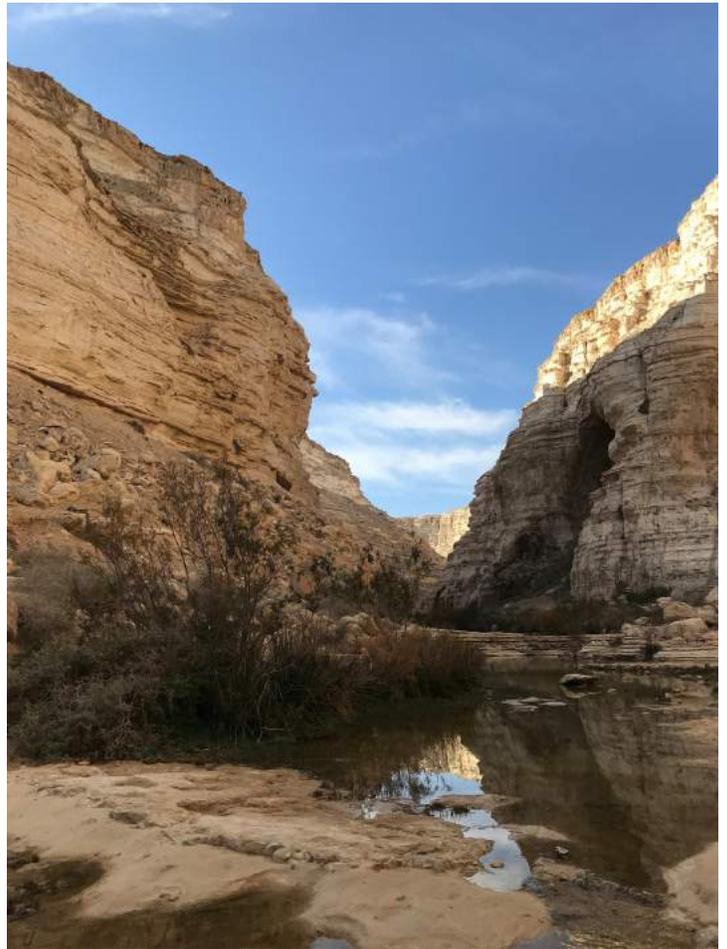


Once again Immanuel has made its way to the Holy Land. Over the winter break a group of Immanuel students and other companions toured the land of Israel. The group departed on December 28th from LAX and then to Frankfurt, eventually reaching their destination of Tel Aviv.

Not long ago in December of 2018, Josiah Barker embarked on a trip to the Holy Land in Israel. He entered a new land and new culture, not knowing of the impact it would have on him spiritually and physically. Trekking vigorously up tall mountains and sailing through legendary seas, Josiah and friends made their way across modern day Israel. Upon arrival to the land the group had interactions with the locals. "We were able to meet a war vet named Ari and some current soldiers. We also were able to talk to the



The Sea of Galilee



The Wilderness of Zin

store owners in the open market," says Barker. The group that ventured on the trip experienced many different locations that each contain a lot of history and significance. "I was really inspired by the sites, and the teachings really challenged my faith, specifically the shores of Galilee and the Wilderness of Zin." The Wilderness of Zin is the location where the Israelites wandered for 40 years, and the Sea of Galilee is where Jesus walked on water. The weather in Israel was "Kind of like Pismo in the winter." To Barker homesickness seemed nonexistent. "No doubt I would go again," Barker stated when asked if he would venture again to the ancient land of Israel.

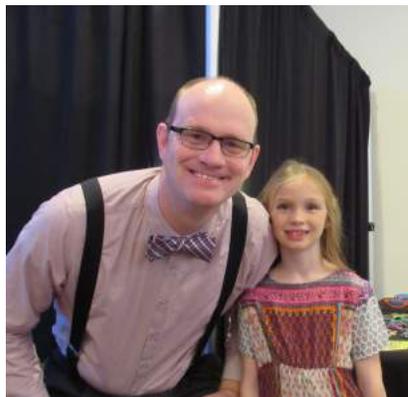
The group participating in the Israel trip consisted of 32 people including students, faculty, parents, and relatives. They departed on December 28, 2019. These companions took a 9-day tour of the Holy Land, strengthening their friendships as well as their relationships with God. For more information on the next trip to Israel see Mr. Goetz.



The Garden Tomb - thought to be the tomb of Jesus

In Case You Missed It, Here Are Some Shots from the Moonlight Masquerade

By Regan Ott



Little Hoopsters Shoot For The Stars

by Emily Just



Immanuel basketball is hosting a basketball camp for girls and boys grades K-8. Our high school players will be teaching the kids the fundamental skills of basketball such as dribbling, shooting, passing, and defending. This camp is intended to teach young kids how to play so that they will have the necessary skills to compete in high school. This program also helps to grow the Immanuel basketball program. Camp runs on January 12, 19, 26, and February 2.



Teacher Profile: Mrs. Johnson

by Camilo Maldonado



What do you teach? Biology, IPESC, 7th Grade Science

How long have you been teaching? This is my first year teaching. Prior to this year, I was a stay at home mom and before that I was a telemetry/cardiac nurse. I was adjunct faculty during college, but only taught lab classes.

What was your favorite subject in high school? I enjoyed Physics and Chemistry, especially the labs and projects.

What is your favorite subject to teach? I really love Biology. I am fascinated by the intricacies of how God created our world. When I look at something like cells or DNA, I'm amazed at the way that every detail works together. It so obviously points to the design of a Sovereign Creator.

Most embarrassing moment? I was singing the national anthem at an awards banquet one time and my voice cracked right as I was singing "O'er the land of the free.." I quickly said "And the home of the brave." and ran off stage.

Did you always want to be a teacher? Nope. I knew that I wanted to work with kids/young adults, but that has looked different during the various seasons of my life. Now that I am teaching, I can't imagine doing anything else! I love it!

Favorite thing about teaching at Immanuel? The community and chapel! I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff and students here. And chapel is such an amazing worship experience. I see it as a privilege that we all get to be at chapel together twice each week!

What do you do outside of school? My husband and I have five little kids, so most of my time outside of school is spent with them. I also like to workout, drink lots of coffee and spend time with the people I love.

What college did you go to? I have degrees from California Baptist University and Grand Canyon University.

What are your goals for this year? Personal - To continue to grow in my faith and to be diligent with my time spent in the Word. Professional - To make science fun and engaging for my students; to point students to Christ as they study Creation.

What kind of movies do you like to watch? I don't have much time for movies. If I watch one, it's usually a documentary or something light-hearted.

Spring Sports Preview

by Chloe Flaming



Spring Sports are starting at Immanuel! The coaches are gearing up and the players are getting ready for the season. Here are the coaches for each sport:

Varsity Boys Basketball

Coach Chris Woods

Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach James Stevens

JV Boys Basketball

Coach Terrance Kendricks

JV Girls Basketball

Coach Sara Vasquez

Boys Tennis

Coach Tyler Toews

Swim

Coach Azalia Correa

Track & Field

Coach Morales

Girls Soccer

Coach Maria Magaña

Roses for your Valentine

by Haley Piek

The Immanuel floral class will be offering Valentine's Day flower grams to be delivered during class on Feb. 14. Order before Feb. 12 to send roses to someone special.

1 red rose wrap - \$5

3 red rose wrap - \$15

6 red rose vase - \$25

12 red rose vase - \$50



College Profiles

by Haley Piek

Public:

**California State University
Santa Cruz**

Location: Santa Cruz

Mascot: Banana Slugs

Number of Students: 17,000

Enjoy the Northern California coastal area? With a stunning view, UC Santa Cruz may be for you. They offer a wide range of classes from arts to a variety of sciences, and they combine the feel of a small liberal arts college with the certain amount of challenges and seriousness of a regular university.



Private:

Pepperdine University

Location: Malibu, California

Mascot: Willie the Wave

Number of students: 3,514

Pepperdine is a private Christian University that will offer a familiar small school setting dedicated to the development of Christian faith. Not only does this university offer your typical college courses but it also offers a Bible-based religion and philosophy division.



School Spirit Flies High

by Haley Piek

Immanuel Eagles Cheer squad definitely deserves their moment in the limelight. The sport goes from August to March, and covers the football and basketball seasons.

According to junior Madisyn Baker, who is new to Immanuel this year, "Cheer was fun and everyone is like a big family." Delilah Ayers said, "It's really fun, and you make great friendships." To finish the successful year the squad will be attending a cheer showcase that they will be preparing for in the upcoming weeks.



Eagles Cheer Squad 2018-19



by Regan Ott

If you have been alive in this country for the past month, you are probably aware that our government is partially shut down. To many, this would invite a panic attack, but we are going to debunk what exactly the government shutdown is and what it means for the country.

What is a government shutdown? It means that the annual budget bill has not passed Congress. This bill outlines how much money is being spent on what each year.

What does it mean for federal workers? Many federal departments have funding through the first financial quarter, meaning they are still open and running. However, other departments, such as the IRS or the National Park Service, have had to close because the budget bill has not been passed.

Why hasn't the bill been passed and is there progress towards a solution? There has been fighting between the Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives over funding for a wall along the southern border between the United States and Mexico. President Trump has advocated for such a project since the beginning of his campaign for the presidency, but Democrats feel that money would be better spent elsewhere.

What does it mean for us? Many families, even some Immanuel students, have parents that are out of work. Thinking of taking a trip to Yosemite? Check before you go. No one has been around to clean the bathrooms regularly and those services are necessary to keeping the parks open. Some local family farms could be impacted because the shutdown affects the USDA and some federally funded farm loans.

January Weather Impacts Spring Sports

By Nathanael Atmajian



Immanuel sports will be playing in some chilly weather this month. Sports in January like Track, Soccer, and Tennis will be practicing and playing games in mid-fifties weather with later games played in the low fifties. Soccer especially will be playing in the coldest weather and should try to keep warm. For the rest of the month, the area will face many cloudy days with a few breaks of sunshine with temperatures up to 60 degrees during the day which strongly suggest a good jacket. Our Central Valley weather in January is widely

described as some of the least desired weather of the year, and overcast days of 50 degree weather (even colder in the mornings) make up most of the month. Days of intermittent drizzling or bursts of rain are also frequent in January. Long weeks of slow drizzles and overcast days can make the weather feel as gloomy as Seattle's, but it is good for crops. Local citrus crops can be negatively affected by January weather. If January weather and then February weather is too warm, it could cause citrus crops to bloom too early which could put them in danger of frost damage. As some Immanuel students know, if January weather is far too cold, citrus could face much worse damage. In a particularly cold year, 2007, about \$480 million worth of California citrus crops were destroyed over four nights of below freezing temperatures. This year, over our Christmas break, January weather saw its worst weather already in the first four days of January. At one point, the temperature came all the way down to 27 degrees. Though the rest of the month may not have great weather, it won't be too much to complain about.



January in History

by Nathanael Atmajian



January 1, 1934: Alcatraz Island became a United States Federal Prison.

January 3, 1892: J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "The Lord of the Rings" series, "The Hobbit," and the "Silmarillion" was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

January 5, 1956: Snoopy walked on two legs for the first time in the "Peanuts" comic strip.

January 8, 1935: Elvis Presley, the "King of Rock and Roll" and one of the best selling musicians of all time, was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

January 12, 1962: The first American combat mission in the Vietnam War, Operation Chopper, took place 10 miles west of Saigon against Viet Cong fighters.

January 15, 1929: Martin Luther King Jr., the face of the Civil Rights Movement, was born in Atlanta, GA

January 17, 1998: News of President Clinton's affair first broke on the news source, the Drudge Report.

January 20: The traditional day a new American president is inaugurated.

January 23, 1973: President Nixon announced a peace accord had been reached with Vietnam.

January 25, 1980: Mother Teresa was honored with India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.

January 29, 1980: The Rubik's Cube, the most popular puzzle in history, made its international debut at the Ideal Toy Company.

January 31, 1865: The 13th Amendment, the amendment to abolish slavery, was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

January 31, 1893: The trademark "Coca-Cola" was first registered in the United States Patent Office.

The Difficult Debacle of Senioritis

Tips and Tricks for Surviving Your Last Semester of High School

by Sebastian Zamudio

Is senioritis just an excuse for lazy people to use when they don't want to do their work? Well, according to almost all of the Immanuel seniors questioned about the topic, the answer is yes. Most believed it was a fake made-up construct that some use as an easy excuse to stop working. What can we do to get over this made-up construct that plagues seniors? First of all, you could work hard. Realize that even this last semester matters and you can't give up yet. That's not really a tip. It's more of a bit of advice to get through your senior year. But working hard definitely helps fend off the dreaded senioritis. Other tricks to avoid turning into a sloth are to get involved, stay healthy (that's more of an overall



life tip anyway), make a daily checklist to keep yourself organized, and most importantly have fun. Always remember that the end is in sight; just a little longer and you'll be out of high school. Go out on a high note. The end of high school can bring a massive change in relationships, so commit to spending time with your group in between your school work. Senior year is almost over. You got this.

New Year, New You?

by Erin Orosco and Taylor Simonian

New year, new you?

Probably not, at least according to science. It takes an average of ten years for your body to completely regenerate, thus creating an entirely new physical body, a new you. But we're not here for a biology lecture; we are here to address why every mom in your neighborhood has just joined Jenny Craig.

With the start of a brand new year, fitness culture is at an all time high. Gyms are overflowing with everyone from bodybuilding junkies to insecure dads. Grocery stores are running out of everything green and leafy, and chances are your mom has tried at least one new recipe that requires juicing something. The new year comes with the wave of fad diets, gym membership deals, and an overall rise in businesses involving all things to better yourself. The reason for all of this is none other than resolutions. When you hear the word itself, the first things you think of are most likely health and fitness-based. While increasing the value of your life isn't the unforgivable sin, what effect will a failed (or just unrealistic) resolution have on the rest of your year?

It's no secret the stigma surrounding most New Years' resolutions; that they last just about halfway through January



until they're abandoned completely. While this is a rather negative view, the numbers support it. Out of a 2,000 person survey from inc.com, 63 percent of participants said their New Year's resolutions pertain to their personal health. Out of the total categories of resolutions, there is only an 8 percent success rate. Now this doesn't take into consideration individual definitions of success, but it's easy to have a bleak view of New Year's resolutions solely based on statistics. So maybe instead of basing your year on unattainable and materialistic resolutions that will leave you in greater distress than you started the last year in, set goals centered around your inner health. Give attention not only to your relationships with

others, but also your relationship with yourself. Taking time to establish and grow your relationship with God is always something that can be worked on, and will automatically encourage better relationships with yourself and others. Be mindful of how you are contributing to society. Are your actions as a citizen coming to the aid of those who aren't as fortunate as you? Are you being proactive to conserve your environment?

Health is always important, but at the end of the day, the body you were given is yours alone, and you are so much more than just that. Enter the new year with your eyes forward, looking towards becoming the best version of yourself, the you that you want to be around.