THE ARROW

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By: Holden Dean

A Historic Start

The Indians are off to a historic start, beginning the season 3-0 for the first time in 20 years. They started their season off with an away win against the Lamonte Vikings. They continued this streak by winning their home opener against the Hardin-Central Bulldogs. The boys kicked off the Conference Tournament with a win over the Montrose Bluejays and finished 4th in the GVVC Conference Tournament.

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FFA NEWS

Upcoming Events...

December 9: FFA Committee Meeting in Tribe Time
December 16: FFA Meeting in Tribe Time
December 18th: Officer Christmas Party from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
January 6: Greenhand Motivational Conferences - MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia
January 6: FFA Officer Meeting in Tribe Time



Merry Christmas

By: Hudson Jennings

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."
- Anthony Robbins

QUOTABLE QUOTES

By:Zoe Rogers

"Merry Christmas, you filthy animal!" — Home Alone

Four o'clock, wallow in self-pity;
Four-thirty, stare into the abyss;
Five o'clock, solve world hunger, tell no one;
Five-thirty, jazzercize;
Six-thirty, dinner with me - I can't cancel that again;
Seven o'clock, wrestle with my self-loathing...
I'm booked
-The Grinch



"Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind."
— Mary Ellen Chase

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas."
— Peg Bracken

"Merry Christmas, Ho Ho Ho" - Santa Claus



"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
— Norman Vincent Peale

SPORTS

By: Luke Anstine and Dalton Wharton





take it to the hoop!

The Chilhowee boys' basketball team is off to an exciting start. They are opening their season with a strong 3–0 record and showing impressive teamwork and determination on the court. Their energy and confidence are carrying them forward as they continue to build momentum with each win. Meanwhile, the Chilhowee girls' team may not have secured a victory yet, but they continue to play with resilience and heart. Their effort, willingness to fight through tough matchups, and steady improvement show their commitment to growing stronger with every game. Both teams demonstrate pride, perseverance, and the true spirit of Chilhowee basketball.

Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball

12/1-6 TBD GVVC Conference

12/11 5:30 Green Ridge

12/16 5:30 Lakeland

12/19 4:30 SFCC vs Norborne

12/22 5:30 Drexel

WHAT'S HAPPENING

GOSSIP

- The boys' basketball team is breaking history
- We have already had our first snow days on December 1st and 2nd.

Christmas Break starts the 22nd



Student Leadership

They are currently planning Courtwarming

Art Club

They are planning future projects and trips

FFA

The FFA Christmas party is the 18th

National Honor Society

Doesn't have anything going on currently

Chilhowee Funny Page...



Food Of The Month



Historically also known as a milk punch or an egg milk punch when alcoholic beverages are added, Egg Nog is a rich, chilled, sweetened, dairy-based beverage traditionally made with milk, cream, sugar, egg yolk, and whipped egg white. A distilled spirit such as brandy, rum, whiskey, or bourbon is often a key ingredient.

Quote of the mouth

"You know, I think this Christmas thing is not as tricky as it seems! But why should they have all the fun? It should belong to anyone! Not anyone, in fact, but me! Why, I could make a Christmas tree! And there's not a reason I can find, I couldn't have a Christmastime! I bet I could improve it, too! And that's exactly what I'll do!"

— Jack Skellington



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SIMPLY LOVE COLORING

Mrs. Dillon's Counselor Corner



Class of 2026

While it is hard to believe, you are halfway through your Senior year. Do you know what you plan to do after school? It is okay if you don't. Reach out to set up a time, and I can help you do some career exploration activities.

If you are an A+ student, remember to make sure you have been doing cadet work, are keeping your attendance and grades up, and fill out the FAFSA. Boys will also have to complete the Selective Service registration.

The FAFSA is open! It is time to complete the FAFSA to determine your eligibility for grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans. Completing the FAFSA is a requirement of the A+ scholarship as well.

Parents and Students must both create an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.

There are a bunch of helpful videos on YouTube that help with the steps of filling out the FAFSA.

Make sure to go to studentaid.gov when you are filling it out to begin the process. <u>The FAFSA is free to fill out!</u>

You will need your 2024 tax information for the 2026-2027 FAFSA.







MRS. REHN'S NEWSLETTER

December



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

- Winter NWEA tests are almost complete
- We had our student assembly on December 5th.
- Candy Cane Grams being sold from December 8th - 17th



FINALS SCHEDULE

December 15th:
5th and 7th hours

December 16th:
4th and 6th hours

December 17th:
1st and 3rd hours

December 18th:
2nd hour &
Makeups



UPCOMING EVENTS

- School is in Session on Mon. Dec. 8th
- Cheer Fundraiser: Parents Night Out from 6 pm to 9 pm in the Learning Commons
- Finals will be Dec. 15th-18th.
- FFA Christmas Party: Dec. 17th from 7:30pm to 10:00pm
- End of 2nd Quarter is Fri. Dec. 19th

IMPORTANT DATES

December 8th:
School is in Session

December 15th:
School is in Session

December 19th:
Locker Cleanout
End of 2nd Quarter

December 20th-January 5th:
Winter Break

January 6th:
School in Session

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

- Thurs. 12/11 @ 5:30pm: VBB @ Home
- Tues. 12/16 @ 5:30pm: VBB @ Lakeland
- Fri. 12/18 @ 4:30pm: VBB @ SFCC
- Mon. 12/22 @ 5:30pm: VBB @ Drexel
- January 5th - 9th: Leeton BB Tourney
- Tues. 1/13 @ 5:30pm: VBB @ Ballard





Mrs. Gotsch's Page

December 2025

Updates

Grandparents' Day was a success. Thanks to all the grandparents who came and shared the day with us.
December will be busy for Elementary students. We have the Christmas concert, Title 1 Reading night, Christmas parties, and NWEA testing. The end of the first semester will also occur in December. It is hard to believe we are already halfway through this school year!
Students will have a nice, long break and be back in school on January 6, 2026.
Hope you and your family have a great holiday season, and I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Upcoming Events

- December 1-School IN Session
- December 2-12 NWEA Testing
- December 8-School IN session
- December 9-Christmas Concert
- December 15-School IN session
- December 15-5:30 PM Title 1 Reading Night
- December 19-Christmas Party Day
- December 19-End of quarter and semester
- December 22-January 5- NO SCHOOL
- January 9-Student Assembly

Contact Info

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Health & Wellness

Vitamins

Hi Friends!

Did you know...

Vitamin C helps reduce the severity and duration of the common cold and aids in wound healing.

Vitamin D helps regulate the immune system. Vitamin D aids in absorbing calcium for strong bones.

Iron is a mineral. It helps strengthen the immune system and aids in cell production.

Vitamin B boosts energy and brain function. Did you know there are 8 B vitamins, and each plays an important role in the body?

Talk to your doctor about any concerns you have, and stay safe over break, my friends!

Mrs. Brandy

Page by: Alivia Smith



TEACHER OF THE MONTH!







Mrs. Burgin

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Meal: Mexican Food and Pizza

Favorite Animal: Chocolate Labs

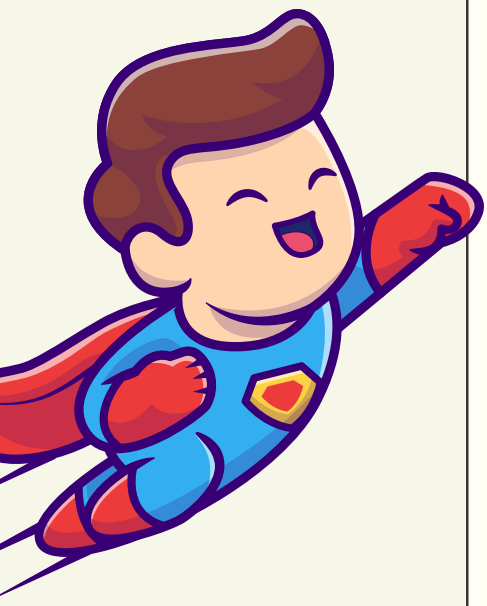
Favorite Song: Dance by Garth Brooks

INTERESTING FACTS

She doesn't like biscuits and gravy.
If her husband would let her, she would get a mini highland cow.
Her favorite subject is math.

By Charlee Kedigh

Support Staff of the Month!





Mr. Seth

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Meal: Mazzio's Salad

Favorite Animal: Huskies

Favorite Song/Genre: FEAR EP by NF

INTERESTING FACTS

- He likes to spend his free time with his family, playing with his dogs, and PC gaming.
- His favorite subjects were science and geography because they made sense to him.
- Seth and his wife got married on Feb 29th, which is Superman's birthday.

THE ARROW STAFF

Back Row - Zoe Rogers, Aaron Wirsig, Holden Dean, Hudson Jennings, Luke Anstine, Dalton, Wharton
Front Row - Anya Sim, Kaylee Hoff, Hailey Morris, Scarlett Dobbs, Abigail Dillon, Lauren Gardner, Alivia Smith, Charlee Kedigh, and Mr. Hughes



It started with an idea...

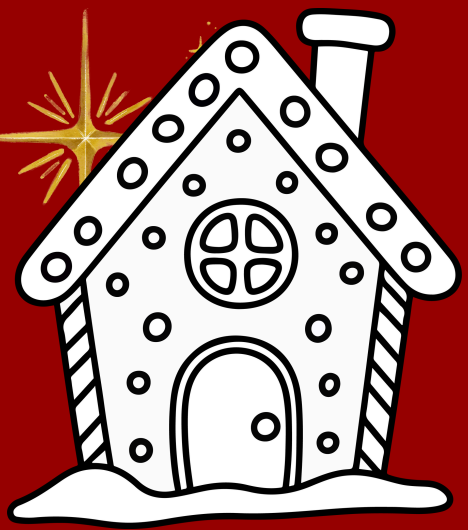
We, the yearbook staff, have been hard at work continuing some of the traditions of the Chilhowee R-4 school. One of those traditions is putting out a publication that emphasizes positivity, students, and community. Even though we know this is a small way to outreach, we are excited to be your new staff for "The Arrow". "Bringing back a family, community, and school tradition."

The Arrow Staff

Quotable Quotes

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.
Peg Bracken

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold
Aristotle



By Anya Sim



SENIOR NEWS

Updates and Notices

Class of 2026

Class Motto:

"When life throws something at you, duck and let it hit somebody else"

-Class of 2026

Class Flower:

Orchid

Class Colors:

Teal and Silver

Class Song:

Laugh Until We Cried

-Jason Aldean

Important Dates for Seniors...

END OF THIRD QUARTER:

March 6th

SLIDESHOW PHOTOS DUE:

April 3rd

PHOTOS DUE FOR YEARBOOK:

April 3rd

SENIOR SONG CHOICE DUE:

January 16th

GRADUTAION:

May 15th 7 PM

SLIDESHOW AND SENIOR PAGES

It's that time! The yearbook students are busy putting together senior pages and will be starting the slideshow for graduation soon! We need photos by Friday, April 3rd. We also need a school-appropriate song choice that can be cut down to one minute for the slideshow. Each senior slide show will last only one minute. Photos can be submitted **digitally (email them to thughes@chilhowee.k12.mo.us). Seniors will have a year-book staff student assigned to their page. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the above email.**

We need 10-15 photos for the slideshow and 10-15 photos for the senior page. You **can use the same photos for your page and slideshow. Please mark which photos are intended for the yearbook and which will be shown at graduation. If you want photos shown in a particular order in the slideshow, please number them**

SENIOR ADS IN YEARBOOK

Each senior will still get their one-page free :). There will be no additional pages available to purchase in the yearbook due to production costs and a larger number of graduating seniors. Keep in mind that whatever you/your senior would like to place on their senior page must fit on one page, about the size of a piece of copy paper. Please refer to the guidelines above for the number of pictures for the senior page and slideshow. Email Mr. Hughes (thughes@chilhowee.k12.mo.us) for more information or if you have questions. The yearbook staff apologizes for the inconvenience.

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- **Make sure all graduation items are ordered and are correct (spelling on invitations, size of cap & gown, etc.)**
- **Get your flower order to your senior sponsor (Miss Barnett) as soon as possible so they can start pricing flowers for graduation. Your first 9 are free. Prices will be determined later for additional flowers, but will not exceed $6.50 each.**
- **Order your yearbook! Yearbooks are $40.00 dollars each, cash, check, or online order using the yearbook purchase form/code.**
- **Turn in photos and song choice for the slideshow.**
- **Enjoy your last months of high school.**

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Class of 2026

Note to parents:

I am so grateful for the time I spent with every senior this year. I love every one of their big personalities. Over these last few months, I have watched each of them face challenges and grow. I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful adults they will become. If you have any questions at any time about upcoming events that your Senior is involved in, please feel free to contact me at any time.

-Alexis Barnett

Notes from Mrs. Dillon

The countdown is on for the end of senior year! Tough to believe it is just a few months away. As you are thinking about future plans, keep in mind that there are some big things you need to do.

If you are college-bound (private, 4-year, community, technical):
1. Apply to the college
2. Fill out your FAFSA (even if you don't think you qualify)
3. Apply for any scholarship you can (deadlines for scholarships are looming)
4. Get Mrs. Dillon a copy of your acceptance letter
5. Ask Mrs. Dillon to send your transcript to your college; many will not process your application without this
6. Make sure you have met all the A+ requirements

Selective Service:
Boys, make sure you know what this is and have registered.
Men are required by law to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

Other than that? Keep your grades up, make smart decisions, and enjoy the rest of the ride!

Academic Recovery Time and Graduating Seniors:
Seniors must make up any unexcused absences or tardies accumulated August through May during Academic Recovery Time (A.R.T.) before the day of Graduation. Students will be required to track their A.R.T. time and obtain signatures on their tracking log for each hour served. A student cannot serve a behavior office detention at the same time as they are making up academic recovery time. A student's parent/relative who is a school employee cannot sign their relatives' A.R.T sheet or vouch for their hours.

MRS. DILLON

Odds and Ends

Thank you for all your support for our seniors!

Note on Pictures: If you need pictures to be scanned for slideshow or yearbook, please have them delivered to the school, and we will scan them in digitally. Please make sure they are labeled for either slideshow, yearbook, or both. If you have a particular order in slideshow you would like them please make sure they are labeled 1-10 etc.

Mr. Hughes



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