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from the *Book of Mormon*, and Bob Bobbitt taught about witnessing of the *Book of Mormon.*

All of the teachers that presented are teachers used by the internship program at The Book of Mormon Foundation. Lynn and Sugar Baumgart, directors of the BMF Internship, ended the day in the gym with all the middle and high school students reviewing the day, including questions, answers, and suggestions.

Book of Mormon Day t-shirts were provided for all 250 participants. That is a lot of people participating in the day! It took many volunteers and staff from both CPRS and BMF, working countless hours, to make this a memorable day for the students and the teachers. But, it was all worth the effort!

Sue Manning
Book of Mormon Foundation

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BOOK OF MORMON DAY AT CPRS!

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It has been reported that on Tuesday, September 22nd, Jesus, portrayed by Clayton Brown, came to share with the elementary students at the opening worship, just as He visited the Nephites in the New World 2000 years ago. You can imagine their joy! His visit was the beginning of Book of Mormon Day at CPRS in conjunction with The Book of Mormon Foundation (BMF).

The theme for the elementary program was "Visitors from the Book of Mormon," which was developed and directed by Gayle Fleming. Each student was supplied a notebook they used to collect story and activity pages from the visitors that came to their classrooms. The children had nine different rotations during the day, plus a special lunch and recess. To comply with COVID-19 guidelines mandated by the county, the classes remained separated and followed their own rotation schedule. They were also given a copy of *The Book of Mormon Overview* and a pocket-sized *Book of Mormon*.

Mormon, portrayed by Brandon Groseth (BMF intern) and assisted by Missy Bobbitt, visited each classroom. They shared Mormon's story and showed them a life-size replica of the gold plates. The children then made their own gold plates and wrote their name on them in hieroglyphics. Nephi and his sister, Joseph and Sarah Lade, stopped by with the Liahona. They helped each student make their own tree of life. The Brother of Jared, Damian Galvan, assisted by Abbey English (BMF intern), told of his experience about seeing the finger of the Lord touch the 16 stones, and even had those stones light up before the students' very eyes! The students painted their own glow-in-the-dark stones to help remind them to have faith.

Recreation time was managed by Helaman and one of his warriors, Andrew Smith and Daniel Morrison (BMF intern). The students battled the Lamanites in a spirited battle of capture the flag. Midday, the students were provided a sack lunch and had a picnic and recess outside. It's reported that Mormon liked the sandwiches, and Sariah was spotted talking on a cell phone!

Back in the classrooms, Captain Moroni, Joshua Sperry (BMF intern), assisted by Regina Sperry, came dressed in full battle regalia carrying his title of liberty. The children made their own titles of liberty to take home. Alma the Younger, Josh Smith/Jeff Ohmer (BMF intern), assisted by Liz Smith (BMF intern), shared about repentance and demonstrated the load of carrying a backpack of sin. Students enjoyed a music break of Book of Mormon songs with Andrea Alaniz and Marla Kroesen, then headed to the Tree of Life. They had to hold on to a rod of iron to get to the tree. Lehi and Sariah, Rick and Nancy Lade, were there to give the students a

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SENIOR YEAR DURING A PANDEMIC

As a junior, at the start of the COVID-19 shutdown, I began to wonder what my senior year would look like the following school year. Leading up to the fall, would I get to have the fun senior summer I'd been dreaming of for years? Would we get to play sports throughout my last year? Would we even get to go back to school in person? These are just a few of the many questions that filled my head and caused me to worry.

In light of all of the other unrest happening in the world, my concerns may seem trivial, but these were all sincere thoughts that weighed on me.

A big part of the high school experience is the social aspect, our associations with classmates and teachers. When we look back on memories, we recall the time we've spent with others: bonding with friends and teammates, interacting with teachers and coaches, sharing inside jokes, team victories, class trips, and parties. These are some of the things that have brought me joy in previous years, and I did not want to lose out on them during my last year of high school. I spent a lot of time praying about this, and ultimately was able to leave it in the Lord's hands. What a blessing it was to hear we were going to be able to return to school in person! What an answer to my prayer and many others' prayers. I can't tell you how thankful I am for the effort that all of the school board and faculty have put in to make this school year possible.

I admit, starting school with some new procedures in place was a little bit of an adjustment, but when I think of how blessed we are here at CPRS to have the opportunities that we do, I just feel incredibly grateful. I have great hope that this school year may allow CPRS to be a light to others, through our faith and diligence in prayer. One thing is for certain, this will be a year to remember!

Naomi Alaniz
CPRS Senior Student

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Caleb is a high school junior at CPRS and was elected Student Council Chaplain for the 2020-2021 school year.

I am extremely excited about this school year and have high hopes for what is to come! This past spring, I felt the urge to run for the high school Student Council Chaplain; it was a great opportunity to pursue a leadership role among the student body. I have observed an issue over the years, the need for more spiritual intensity. I believe the spirituality of our school is key to a functional learning environment. Yes, we have chapels everyday (or every other day), but oftentimes that learning method is not highly effective for a student's spiritual life. Why not? Because chapels are a structured class period and not a voluntary activity. Many students do not attend chapels with the intent to be spiritually fed. To combat this issue, I have come up with some voluntary activities for students to choose to participate in that have the potential to make a deeper impact on their spiritual lives.

The first idea was to hold brief devotions every morning in the sanctuary before the 8:10 AM bell rings, which we have been successfully doing over the first few weeks of school. There has been good participation from both students and faculty since we began. These devotions are usually about 10 minutes long and are intended to encourage a closer relationship with the Lord. We say a few prayers, sing some songs, and sometimes listen to a Christian song or two. My vision for these devotions is an open worship where anyone can come and share however they feel led. They can also just sit and listen or read their scriptures; it is ultimately a brief but worshipful session for people to "put their armor on" for the day. I also hope to have a monthly Wednesday night campfire service, and will eventually begin a scripture study group. My main goal as a chaplain is to spiritually unify the student body and create Zionic conditions in the school. As I said before, I am very excited about this year and look forward to seeing what the Lord intends to share.

Caleb Pedersen
CPRS Junior Student

BOOK OF MORMON DAY!

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portion of the fruit from the tree. Some reported that it looked and tasted amazingly like a marshmallow.

Preschool through fifth grade students had an arduous schedule to follow. They heard about the many adventures in the *Book of Mormon*, collected items for their notebooks, made crafts, watched videos, had a picnic, and played games. I imagine they may also have learned a thing or two!

At the same time, a program developed for the middle school and high school students was being implemented. For social distancing purposes, the two groups had separate schedules. The theme for these students was "Book of Mormon Toolbox." The idea was to have them go through a day similar to the BMF interns, with classes that gave them tools taught in the *Book of Mormon* they could use every day.

At the beginning of the day, each student was given a "toolbox" notebook to collect handouts for each tool taught by the different teachers. They also received a copy of *The Book of Mormon Overview* and a leather-bound Restored Covenant Edition of the *Book of Mormon*.

There were six thirty-minute classes, a team building exercise, and a pizza and ice cream lunch. One of the early classes in the day was on study essentials. Why we study, ways we study, and resources to enhance our study were covered by Mike Barrett. Rich Rowland (president of the BMF board) taught about the plan of redemption laid out in the book of Alma, highlighting the areas of justice, repentance, and mercy. Jason Anderson talked about the Gadianton Robbers and spiritual warfare, explaining how that applies to us today. The students enjoyed Little Caesar's pizza during a long break.

Jenna Shepherd, also a former BMF intern, developed some team building activities and applied them to seven lies Satan wants you to believe. Larry Scofield taught the tools of intelligence, wisdom, and knowledge with examples from the *Book of Mormon*. Dale Gilmore taught about prophecies of the latter days

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GOING FORWARD

Center Place Restoration School has reopened with all in-person classes for preschool through 12th grades, but like everything else in the year 2020, it is different. When CPRS went to "virtual" learning last March, we were not certain what to expect. The teachers, parents, staff, and students rallied and responded well. A learning environment was maintained, and the curriculum requirements were met, but not without some pain and frustration. Some students had no trouble adjusting, others struggled a little bit, and some had much difficulty, but everyone came through it. Many prayers were offered, and many prayers were answered. God blessed CPRS.

The school year 2020-2021 looks and feels different than any previous years because of the adjustments for COVID-19, the long absence, and the social chaos of the world. However, everyone is happy and excited about being back in school. Our attendance rate has been the highest it has been in the last five years, hitting 100% on picture day! When you have something taken away, you realize how much you miss it. So it is with in-person class education. We look forward to a successful school year and the Lord's continued blessings. We would humbly ask you to join everyone at CPRS in petitioning our Heavenly Father for His protection and guidance for this school year.

On September 22, the Book of Mormon Foundation held a Book of Mormon Day for all grades at CPRS. The students were excited to see Book of Mormon characters come to life. It was a great spiritual experience for all the students. T-shirts and new *Book of Mormons* were presented to all students. We have shared some of the many pictures from that day in this publication. Many thanks to the Foundation and the numerous volunteers.

May the Lord continue to bless and protect each family.

Dan L. Schoenemann
CPRS School Administrator

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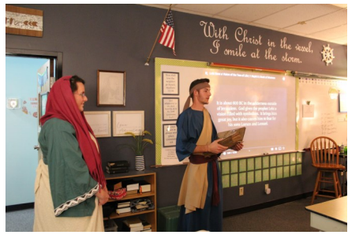

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