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## ASTROS STRONG

BY JAYLEN CURTIS, RASHAAD CANNON AND HAILEY SMITH

The Houston Astros are an American baseball team that surprised the nation this year. The city of Houston was filled with different emotions after this seasons World Series Win.

After a stressful season and post season the Astros made it to the World Series. World Series Game 1 was frustrating, as the Dodgers rode their dominant ace Clayton Kershaw to victory. Home runs by Chris Taylor and Justin Turner gave Kershaw more than enough cushion, and the Dodgers' bullpen didn't falter. But there were some key takeaways that could be important to watch as the series continues on Wednesday night.

Game 2 took place at Dodgers Stadium in LA where the Dodgers won putting the score at 1-1 while games 3, 4, and 5 were played here in Houston. The Dodgers taking game 4 and the Astros taking game 3 and 5. It only took a matter of time before the Astros' lineup started getting back to form, as game 1 displayed more of Kershaw's pitching skills than any of the talent that the Astros possess.

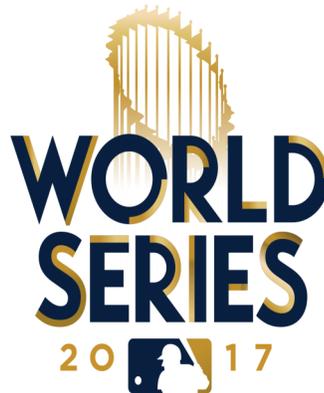
There is little to no doubt, though, that it was only an anomaly, as the Astros were minimally favored to win the series entering into it. This was a series worth watching. Game 5 turned out to be the longest game ever played in the World Series. They ended in the tenth inning with the Astros taking the win 13-12. They broke the record of the most home runs in the World Series reaching 22 in total

Houston was ready to take Game 6 to finished the series but unfortunately in an upsetting loss the LA Dodgers tied up the score at 3-3. The end was near and the anticipation was high. The Astros were facing the Dodgers for the last time and only one team was going to come out a winner.

On November 1, 2017 the Houston Astros made history winning their first World Series title. The Astros did a tremendous job in defense hold the score 5-0 till the 7th inning where the dodgers only made one run. It was evident from the

beginning that the Astros were there to win and were not going home without a fight.

Millions of Houstonians watched as our Astros made our city proud with the last out of the 9th inning by Altuve. They dedicated the win to all of Houston who persevered through the disaster of Hurricane Harvey, especially those still enduring the aftermath. It was an amazing win for our city, bring us even closer together. The unity was felt all across the city, with every Houstonian celebrating with proud high fives and joyous cheers. Congratulations George Springer for receiving the Most Valuable Player Award.



# SHOUT-OUTS

BY JACOB BAGUIO

The Junior and High school volleyball teams for being second in district!

Coach Barriere for being a good coach "He is a hard-working, dedicated coach, who always pushes us to do better." says Brett Howell and Jaylen Curtis.

The Houston Astros for BEATING THE DODGERS IN THE WORLD SERIES AND PROVING THAT HOU-

## A SEASON OF BASEBALL

BY NOAH VALDEZ

Mr. JD has taught at Family Christian Academy for 2 years now; I am actually in his 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible class and I asked a few questions about sports to him. As a child, JD grew up playing all kinds of sports like: Football, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, and Kickball. Baseball and Soccer were his favorite ones to play, while the other sports he did enjoy he started going into leagues for his top two. His parents never forced him to play sports, but when they discovered that he wanted to play, they were going to make sure he was the best at whatever sport he wanted to play. Every day at home he practiced for long amounts of time, from standing in front of a mirror and practicing his pitching to practicing his batting on a tire hanging on a rope from a tree.

He came to a dilemma in his life to play only one sport: Baseball or Soccer, and he chose the All-American sport, Baseball. He grew up loving to play baseball, he still loves playing it occasionally, and his favorite teams are the Astros and the Rangers, but if it came down to it, his favorite is the Astros. Growing up with his love for baseball was by going to a lot of his favorite teams' games and playing it in leagues year-round every year for a while. Eventually, Mr. JD started playing for his school and his family would always show up to his baseball games to cheer him on. He was the oldest out of his siblings, so his siblings were always there as well.

He has had so many memories playing baseball, but his favorite memory was his last senior home game in high school. Mr. JD's friends and family showed up, even his pastor came to the game, and he went up to bat and hit a double while batting right-handed. Something you need to know about Mr. JD is that he was and is still left-handed. His second hit, there was someone on first base and he hit a home run and got his team two extra points, and his third and last hit, he got another double, this time with his left hand. The last time he went up to bat, the umpire was messing with him, while batting right-handed, and caused him to strikeout, showing some mercy for the other team. If he ever got famous, he would give us a very big shout-out and give all the glory to God. Towards the end of his baseball career, he began to work, which turned out to be one of his biggest regrets, because he never got to go to a single of his brother's football game. He does wish he would not have focused on his work more than his family, but his love for his family will always be great.



## A TIME TO DREAM

BY KALEB GARZA

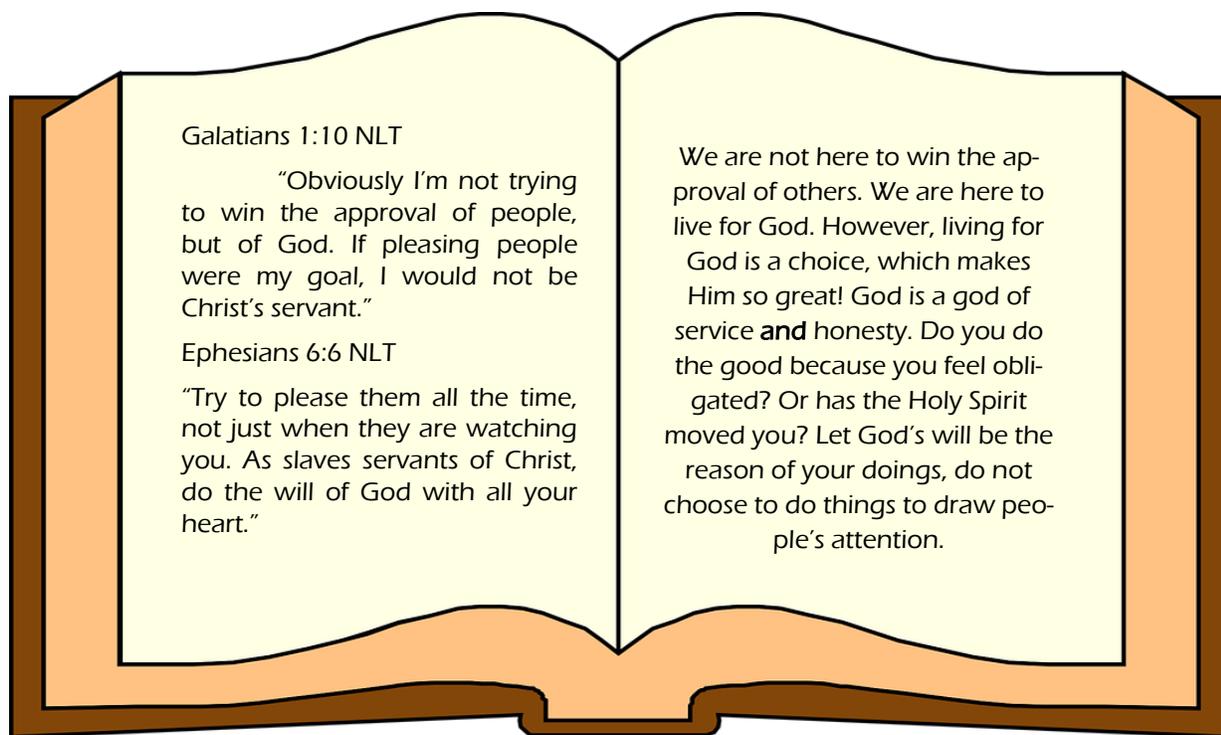
David Mendizabal was destined to play basketball since he was a baby. At a young age he knew he loved basketball. When he was about 1, he picked a rock and started throwing it into the trash can, the rest is history. He has had the privilege to be on the FCA basketball team since the 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

This 2017-2018 season, David has been practicing with the varsity high school team. He is a very competitive player so practicing with high school is a challenge he is taking head on. David is very satisfied with the progress he has been making this year. He has set high expectations this year predicting to be undefeated. He also hopes to average a triple double a game! (a basketball term for points/assists/rebounds) David is an amazing young man, and the more I talked to him, I realized that he doesn't just play basketball for the competition or the thrill but more to glorify God and His name. That is something that everyone should strive for no matter what we're doing. So this year we should all try and glorify God in any way we can, whether it be at school, home, or just at the store.



## DEVOTION

BY PHOEBE BURAS



## HONORING THE LADIES

BY ELIJAH PORTEE

On October 17, 2017 our very own Lady Warriors Varsity Volleyball team celebrated Senior Night. with a hard-fought victory against Orange. It was a night full of mixed emotions due to it being the last district game for both seniors Hailey Smith #13 and April Anderson #1.

The night started with Tobi Bertling and Noelle Castleberry sharing how the seniors impacted their lives during this season. Tobi said, “Hailey was always doing her best to lead and encourage the team.” Noelle reminisced, “Even though April is leaving her legacy won’t be forgotten”. Assistant Coach Alex Wilmot bragged about the team stating, “I



have had the honor of coaching the Lady Warriors this year with my mom and am grateful to be a part of the seniors last year of volleyball”.

The game seemed to be over at times, but they ended up holding on and winning 3-2 in the end. At the final sound of the whistle the Lady Warriors came out on top, making the whole gym full of screaming fans cheer even louder. The whole school was proud because it was such an important night for us and they took victory. This year is considerably one of the Lady Warriors’ best because they were spotlighted in the #2 spot in the district.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

BY RYAN JACKSON

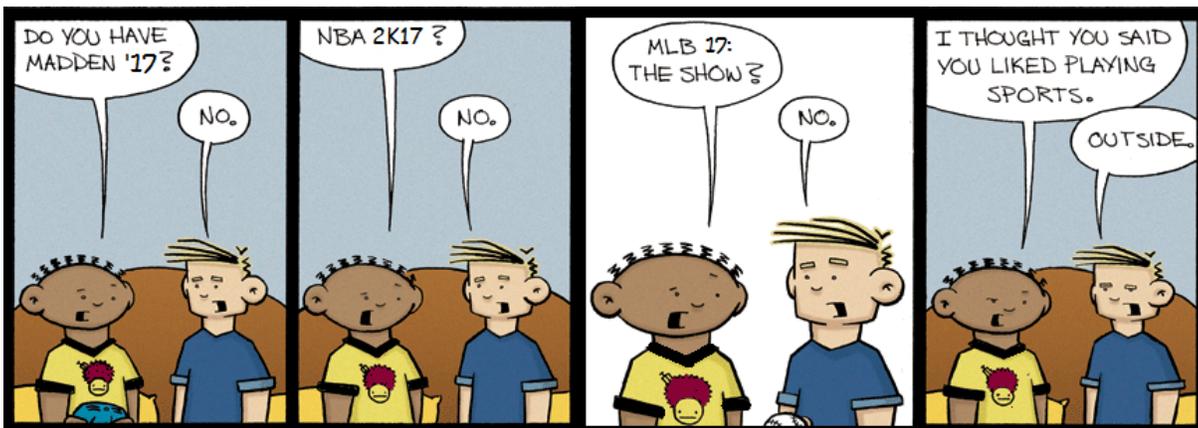
[Basketball]

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - Clear Lake Christian  
(Home) JHG, JHB/ Yes Prep  
Gulfton (Home) VG, VB  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - First Baptist (Home)  
VB  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - Pasadena First Baptist  
(Away) JHG, JHG/ KIPP  
Sunnyside (Home) VG, VB  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Chinquapin (Home)  
JHG, JHB  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> - Alpha and Omega  
(Home) JHB, VG, VB  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - Calvary Baptist  
(Home) JHG, JHB, VG, VB  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - Beaumont Legacy  
(Away) JHG, JHB  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Baytown Christian  
(Home) JHG, JHB/ Yes Prep

Southwest (Home) VG, VB  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> - KIPP Sunnyside  
(Away) VG, VB  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - Arcadia (Home)  
JHG, JHB/ Yes Prep East  
End (Home) VG, VB  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> - Texas Christian  
(Home) VG, VB  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - FCA JR  
High Tournament (Home)  
November Academic events  
November 17<sup>th</sup> - Early  
Dismissal (Thanksgiving)  
November (20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>)  
Thanksgiving Break

# ENTERTAINMENT/ FUN FACTS

BY OLGA HERNANDEZ AND RYAN JACKSON



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