



# The Panther Press

Friday, December 10th, 2021



## *Hibriten Band Performance on Tuesday, December 7th*

*Photo courtesy of Dinah Wallace*

## Upcoming Events

### **Men's Basketball VS West Caldwell**

Theme:

7:00 PM @ West Caldwell

### **Hibriten Swim VS Freedom HS & Ashe County**

6:00 PM @ LAFC

**The Twelve Days of Christmas:  
Friday, December 10th:  
Hibriten Gear**

### **Dear Readers,**

We are sorry that there is not a sports column this week. As the paper changes and grows, we need to do what we can to keep our paper alive. Unfortunately, we did not have anyone to recollect information from about recent games. All we have are the scores.

Your reading will continue as usual soon.

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## **Women's Basketball Victory over Hickory Christian!**

**50-22**

*Photo Courtesy of Derek Reeves*



UP NEXT		
AWAY GAME		
Non-Conference		
 <b>Hibriten</b> 3-1	<b>Fri, 12/10</b> 7:00pm	 <b>West Caldwell</b> 1-5
<b>Men's Varsity Basketball</b>		

## A Way Out

*A fictional work by Judah Cole*

Numb. I feel numb. It is as if a doctor gave me multiple shots so that I wouldn't feel anything during a procedure. But I am not in a procedure. I...Where am I? All I see is darkness. I can barely make out the texture of rough, grimy walls. I don't know how I got here either. I just woke up in this place. I stick my hands out, feeling the surface of a metal bolted door. There's nothing on the floor, or in the air. I would expect to be able to smell something, but I can't. So, I begin to think of what to do in emergencies, because at this point, I am in one.



**George Christas Jr.** shared a link.

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Good morning Panther Nation.

I am reaching out to you today in regards to supporting one of our teams here at HHS. Our swim team is growing and with growth comes the need for funds to help us continue to grow and improve.

For those that don't know, we swim at the Lenoir aquatic and fitness center. While we appreciate everything LAFC does and have to offer, we are severely lacking in the aspect of proper training equipment. Through this fundraiser, we plan to purchase multiple training tools such as fins, resistance bands, and newer kickboards just to name a few. We also hope to raise enough money to be able to start "saving" each year for bigger projects, like a new scoreboard.

Please consider helping out our swim team! [#gopanthers](#)  
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**Hibriten Swim Team**

Please support the exceptional young swimmers of Hibriten High...



My hands grasp at my clothes as I search for something, anything. Pockets, of course. I pull out the contents of the right one: an old gum wrapper and a piece of string. Useless. I try to pull out the objects of the left pocket, but there is only one thing that fills it: a phone. Perfect! I turn on the device to find it unlocked. As I scroll through, my eyes are immediately drawn to the Photos App. I move to click the colorful square, but my fingers retract. I start to think about what they could be. What if there are private photos? What if they are explicit? Strangely, these thoughts lead me to questioning my very existence. Am I dead? Does anyone know I'm gone?

Suddenly, the room begins to pulsate. The walls come close to me, making me feel very claustrophobic. I hear whispers. The questions in my brain are now speaking to me from the room. They repeat over and over. Am I dead? Am I dead? Am I dead?! My breathing gets heavier. A sharp scream escapes my body. I try to clasp my hands over my ears to block the noises, but they penetrate my defense. I search around to find some way for it to stop, but all I can see is the bright phone screen shining in the room. Feeling as if I have no way out, I

***Submit a name this season to let them know how much you appreciate them!***

*"Kelly Bryant: she has always worked hard with me to help me achieve my goals. I greatly appreciate her dedication to making this school a better place and preparing me for my future."*

*"Mrs. Lipford"*

*"Madison Corpening, Nora Findley, Donterreon Lindsey"*

*"Mr. Sullivan"*

*"Isaac Whitener"*

*"Coach Mackey"*

*"Josie Crisp"*

*"Emma Coffey"*

*"Mis. Morton"*

*"Meredith Watson"*

click the Photos App.

The commotion suddenly disappears as my eyes find the photo on the phone. One photo. A picture of my family and I is right before my eyes. I can't help but smile at the

# ***Make it YOUR YEARBOOK***



## **Make it YOUR YEARBOOK**

We want your help to gather pictures for the 21-22 yearbook. If you send in pictures of yourself or friends engaging in activities or just lounging around Hibriten's campus, we can use those pictures on your yearbook pages. Scan the QR code to upload your pictures to be used.

closeup as the demons crawl back to the far corners of the room.

I remember this photo. We had struggled so much to take it. It was our first time doing fall photos, and not everyone agreed to have them done. It took us an entire hour to sit down and snap it. But, that was a picture we will never forget. My family; I miss them so much. I may not show it a lot, but I do love them. Tears roll down my face as I break out into sobs.

I hear rustic creaking. The large, metal door breaks open. The room fills with a white light. I drop the phone, stand up, and walk towards the luminescence. As I get closer, I shield my eyes from blindness. I'm consumed by the glow. My eyes squint open. I hear beeping sounds.

Where am I?