



# CARED FOR BY THE LORD

BY SUSANNAH FARR



“But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, a land that the Lord your God cares for. The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.” This verse from Deuteronomy 11 goes along with the January 1st devotional in the book *Streams in the Desert*. When I was reading through this verse, it struck me as being perfect for this first Triangle of 2023. As we head into a new semester, but more importantly a new year, it is easy to get caught up in the busyness and mindlessness of schedules and responsibilities. Lots of times we make resolutions and have sudden epiphanies about what we should

be doing differently, making plans for the months to come. However, what we often do not take into consideration is how much we really can’t know about the new year. We think we have it under control and are sure we have it figured out by now. But so much is unknown and things are going to happen that we did not plan for: some good, and some that will cause us to ask God, “Why?” When those things that make us question do come, it’s easy to become discouraged and weary. Remembering all of this, we must return to the words of Deuteronomy 11 and take comfort in the truth: the Lord has his eyes upon us, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, and He will not let us be overcome.

WE  
SAID IT

BEST  
CHRISTMAS  
GIFT?



**LAURA WEAVER**  
Fuzzy warm-up  
slippers

**MICAH SCHAFFNER**  
A katana and matching  
short sword



**GRACE TROTTER**  
A raise in  
allowance



**JONATHAN LOVEGROVE**  
The most epic, smooth,  
and multifunctional tripod  
ever!



WHAT EXCITES YOU MOST  
ABOUT COMING BACK TO  
SCHOOL?

**KATE CROPSY**  
Not starting on  
a Monday



**MRS. SMITH**  
My students and teaching  
one of my favorite works:  
*Pilgrim’s Progress*.



**MRS. KLASS**  
Seeing my students again  
(and *A Tale of Two Cities*!)



## WISE GUYS ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions. They are the best part of New Year's Eve—besides the fireworks, delicious sparkling grape juice, and staying up late. Resolutions are a way to help us improve who we are, or at least that is what we tell ourselves. In reality, resolutions are like those calories you promised to give up. At first, both look extremely beneficial, but they are both curses that come back to haunt you later when you least expect it. So why not take resolutions to their logical conclusion? Let's see how absurd we can make these things.

**Wise Guy 1:** I resolved to recite the first 50 numbers of pi everyday at noon while doing a handstand on a rubik's cube. However, after a day of this, not only did I break my resolution, but also my arm.

**Wise Guy 2:** This year, I've decided to change myself for the better by working out, eating healthy and overall being a better person. This may be the exact same resolution as last year—and the year before that... and maybe for every year in the past decade—but don't worry, this time things will be different! No, really.

**Wise Guy 3:** My brain has come to the unanimous decision to drink more water. At least it's a better resolution than last year. Last year I asked my brother what I should do for a New Year's resolution, and he said I should break a new record. I don't know why he got so mad when I did. He's got plenty of other vinyls.

## SECOND SEMESTER SURVIVAL TIPS



BY SEAN O'CONNOR

Congratulations reader! You survived first semester! But remember, you still have one more to go before the school year ends. So here are five tips to help you survive second semester. As we all know, the school year will be over before you know it and you will be off for summer break.

**Get some sleep** - I know this is a bit of a cliché thing to say, but this is so important that it cannot be left out. Your brain will never be at its sharpest unless you get a full night of sleep.

**Clean out your binder** - Have you ever tried to find something in a messy room? It never ends well. So keep this from happening with your binder by taking a moment to clean out whatever you don't need from last semester.

**Put away distractions** - You will always work more quickly and efficiently if you focus on just one thing at a time. While working on homework, make sure to put away anything that can distract you. This mainly includes phones, but can be almost anything, even your new puppy (if you got one of those for Christmas).

**Charge your computer** - If I had a nickel for every time someone asked me for a charger cord, I could go to college for free. If you struggle to remember to charge your computer at night, set yourself a reminder.

**Get some exercise** - Similarly to how taking a break from homework can be beneficial, going to get some exercise can help give your brain some time to think over what you have been working on.



BY JONATHAN LOVEGROVE

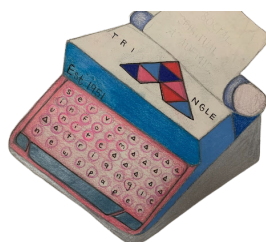


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# CREATION OF THE MURAL



BROOKE CARRIER



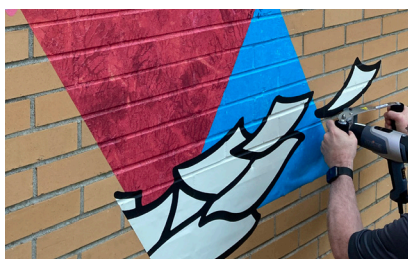
KATHLEEN LAGGER

## BRAINSTORMING

BJA art students under the direction of Mrs. Wright brainstormed ideas and prepared concept art for the mural.

## PREPARATION

Once the final design was selected, the triangle centerpiece was painted, and the artwork was compiled digitally.



## INSTALLATION

The final artwork was printed onto vinyl over Christmas break. The vinyl was then melted to the brick to adhere to its texture.



MURAL DESIGN BY JACK LILLY



## Today's

# BIRTHDAYS

Originally, it was revolutionary, but many people agree that this advancement was a curse, especially when they're in the spotlight. On January 9, 1839, the Daguerreotype photo process at the French Academy of Science announced the first photograph of a person. In the bottom left corner, a man can be seen having his shoes polished; not the most elegant of poses to hold whilst making history.



Jeff Pham	1/6
Aaron Ellis	1/7
Josephine Boyle	1/7
Jacoby Chisolm	1/7
TJ Whaley	1/8
Allie Towe	1/9
EJ Venegas	1/9
Katie Johnson	1/11
Kellis Coffey	1/14
Jonathan Rose	1/15
Daniel Hand	1/15
James Yue	1/15
Jorge Ariza	1/16
Johnny Zhu	1/16
Esteban Silva	1/17
Isaac Warrington	1/18
Madelyn Hynicka	1/18
Alina Kashirets	1/18



**Growth Group Christmas Challenge:** Madison Smith's group along with Elias Bryan volunteered at a Miracle Hill thrift store to help them sort through the hundreds and hundreds of donations they received and get them ready for purchase.



## SUPPORT OUR LIONS!

Home games this week:  
**Tuesday:** JV girls and SCACS  
**Thursday:** All teams play Shannon Forest  
**Friday:** JV girls, SCACS and varsity girls