

Encouragement

Let your light shine!

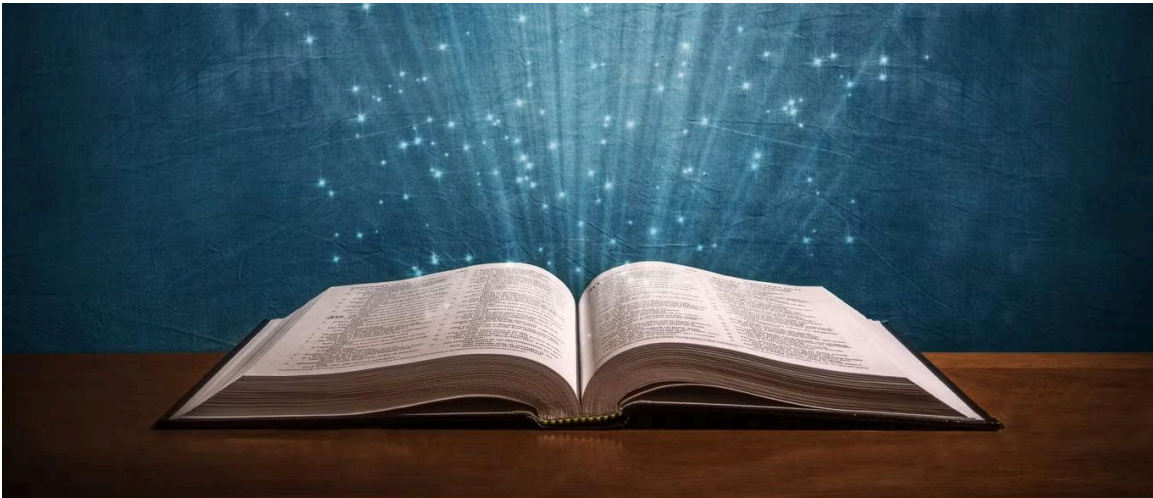
By Student

This section gives readers something positive and meaningful to think about. Unlike the News Section, which mainly reports facts about what happened, the Encouragement Section can speak more personally to the reader.

Students can write about a Bible verse, a life lesson, something they learned from a difficult experience, or a message that encourages someone to keep going, trust YAH, make a wise choice, or grow in their faith.

A simple format for students to follow is:

1. **Choose a topic:** What do you want to encourage someone about? Examples include courage, friendship, perseverance, forgiveness, kindness, trusting YAH, or making wise choices.
2. **Choose a Scripture:** Find a Bible verse that connects to your topic.
3. **Explain the message:** What does the verse teach? Explain it in your own words.
4. **Connect it to real life:** Give an example of when someone might need this encouragement.
5. **Encourage the reader:** End by giving the reader something to remember or do.



The Main Story: Bring the Bible to Life!

Tell and make it compelling

By Student

Choose a story from the Bible and retell it in a way that makes readers say, “Wait... THAT is in the Bible? I need to read it for myself!”

Don’t just summarize what happened. Tell the story! Grab the reader’s attention, explain the conflict and important events, and show how YAH worked in the situation. Make it exciting while staying true to Scripture.

Simple Writing Structure:

1. **Headline:** Create a title that grabs attention.
2. **Hook:** Open with an exciting moment or question.
3. **The Story:** Explain who, what, when, where, why, and how.
4. **YAH’s Hand:** Show how YAH moved, provided, protected, taught, or revealed Himself.
5. **Read It Yourself:** End by pointing readers to the Scripture so they can discover more!

Make Them Feel Like They Were There

Use descriptive words and details found in Scripture.

Was everyone afraid?
Was someone angry?
Was an army approaching?
Was someone hiding?
Was there a storm?
Was someone waiting for an answer from YAH?

Help your reader picture the scene. But remember an important rule for biblical journalism: **We never make up details and present them as facts.**

Your goal: Leave readers wanting to open the Bible and read the full story for themselves!

Entertainment: Make It Fun! By Students

Your job is to create something that CHEAR students will want to play, solve, read, or laugh at.

Each newspaper should include:

 **Live Game:** Create a fun 10–20 minute game we can play with CHEAR students on newspaper release day. Think Bible trivia, scavenger hunts, guessing games, challenges, or team competitions.

Live Game

Puzzle

Comic

 **Puzzle:** Create a crossword, word search, riddle, maze, brain teaser, or other activity. Try connecting it to something in this month's newspaper!

 **Comic:** Draw your own comic or find an appropriate one to include. It can be funny, encouraging, or connected to a Bible story or lesson.

Your goal: Give students something fun to look forward to every month!

By Student

What's Happening (at CHEAR)?

Because it's not just about classes, it's about people!

Find out what exciting things are happening in a CHEAR classroom! Choose a class, **interview the tutor and students**, and give readers an inside look at what they are learning and doing.

Ask questions like:

- What are you learning right now?
- What fun projects or activities are you working on?
- What do students enjoy most about the class?
- What makes this class special?

Your goal: Help the CHEAR community discover what's happening in classrooms they may not normally get to see!

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Interview & Privacy Rules:

- Ask permission before interviewing, quoting, photographing, or recording someone.
- Tell them you are interviewing them for the CHEAR newspaper.
- Write down their answers accurately. **Never change someone's words or make up a quote.**
- Ask permission before using a student's full name. When in doubt, use a first name only.
- Never include private or personal information.
- Be respectful. If someone doesn't want to answer a question, **that's okay!**



Picture of Dariah by Brooklyn Simmons

CHEAR NEED TO KNOW:



By Student

Events

For the snacks, the smiles, and the love you share every day.

Cover an upcoming event, recap a past event, or highlight a special day happening that month.

You could cover:

- An upcoming CHEAR event or activity
- A past event and what happened
- Field trips, performances, parties, or special programs
- Holidays, observances, or interesting national days happening that month

When writing about an event:

- Tell readers **what, when, where, and who**.
- For upcoming events, explain what students need to know or bring.
- For past events, share highlights and what made it memorable.
- Interview students or tutors for a quote when possible.
- Make sure all dates, times, and details are correct.

Your goal: Keep CHEAR students and families informed, involved, and excited about what's happening in our community!



"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

-Matthew 5:16