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COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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A short year ago sitting in my office at Grapevine Faith Christian School, I never would have guessed that I would soon be making my home in Meridian, Idaho. Then, God started to move in my heart.

He guided me to discover the CVCS Superintendent's position and I became intrigued and compelled to pursue it. I was amazed at how similar the two schools' mission statements were and how God had prepared me at

Faith for the very things the CVCS board was seeking. My family prayerfully considered what God might be calling us to and we decided together to follow God's prompting wherever that might lead.

Through many detailed interviews and visits to CVCS, it became clear that God was asking us to leave everything familiar and trust Him. After experiencing the kindness of Idaho residents and the authenticity of the staff, we realized we wanted to be a part of CVCS even if it meant leaving a school where our kids had started as preschoolers. We had never experienced the transparency your staff shares and the balance of grace and truth that exists within your school anywhere else. We wanted to be a part of continuing and furthering the rich tradition that has been built at CVCS.



Taking the time to meet one-on-one with each staff member has deepened my belief that God is doing something very special through our school. The people of CVCS are what God used to draw us here. The people of CVCS are its legacy. Through the Godly influence of the staff on each individual student, their dedication each day to infuse the word of God into everything we do, and, most of all, the commitment to a daily walk with the Lord that comes out when they speak, teach, council and lead our students each and every day, God is impacting hearts and lives.

As God continues to draw new families and students to our school daily, we are prayerfully considering and investigating options to expand our facilities for future service to those seeking a solid biblical worldview for their children's education. Please be lifting us up that God would direct our path as we seek to honor His Word and guidance in every aspect of Cole Valley Christian Schools.

It is my great honor and pleasure to serve you as your Superintendent,

Justin Jordan, *Superintendent*

HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE

CVCS recently recognized and honored four faculty/staff members who have completed significant years of service to the school.

10 YEARS



Sammy Harris



Matt Beglinger

20 YEARS



Karen Sather



Tim Berggren



ELEMENTARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Shelly Crager

Elementary Campus Principal

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Grand Opening of the new Early Childhood Center

God has blessed us with a new 3500 square foot modular building in which we have been able to expand our Early Childhood program to include new Pre-K students as well as two additional preschool classrooms. We started the year with 76 students who were new to our program and it continues to grow.

Our Early Childhood program is built around three strong biblical truths:

*God Made Me,
God Loves Me,
He Wants to Be My Best Friend Forever.*



These foundational truths allow us to plant the seeds of learning on fertile soil in the hearts and minds of these young children. Mark 4:3-8 talks about seeds that are scattered in shallow, rocky soil withering and dying; yet seeds that are planted in deep fertile soil sprout, grow and multiply. This is the heart and passion of our staff as they pour into each of the young lives God has entrusted to them in their classroom. Our desire is that each student begins his/her academic years knowing all knowledge stems from the Lord and is to be used for His glory!



Julie Morgan

Elementary STEAM Director

STEAM has a NEW Lab at the Elementary Campus

Our students are “perfectly and wonderfully made”, each with their own talents and abilities. To spark an interest and passion in all our students, we’ve intentionally added ARTS to our STEM Labs. It’s all about sparking this interest in all students at our elementary through creativity and hands-on lessons. Using all elements of STEAM, (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) students apply creative thinking,

problem solving, collaboration, and design skills to master a challenge or project. In a recent project, students designed and painted spawning salmon river ecosystem with enough food for each species with blended, realistic colors and scale. God has provided both a new permanent classroom for STEAM, and an outside classroom and pollinator garden, too.



Grant Awards Update:

- **\$3,000** from St. Alphonsus Auxiliary Foundation for our Emergency Preparedness Kits. We are striving to be prepared and aware, keeping our students and staff safe.

- **\$10,000** from The Brandt Foundation for an outdoor STEAM Lab (4 new outdoor gazebos and an outdoor classroom to marvel at God’s creation).

- **\$2,500** from Feed a Bee for a pollinator garden which will increase the pollinators in our area to help with our local ecosystem and food supply. Teaches students to care for God’s creation.



SECONDARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Kim DeMain

Secondary Campus Principal

This has been a great start to the school year! As our school community continues to grow and the Lord draws new families and staff to partner with us, I am seeing the impact of our mission:

As we live out this mission and pour God's truth and love into our students:

A student is invited to eat lunch with others.

A student organizes a "Friendsgiving" to which entire grades are invited.

A student is engaging and succeeding in a class in which they once struggled.

A student discovers a gift to sing that no one in their family knew about.



EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Kristin Overton

Director of Counseling

We want to share with you how our initiative to developing Spiritual, Emotional and Relational health in our students is currently developing:

1. Given how strongly we believe that a child's emotional health impacts their overall learning and development, our School Board approved adding "Emotionally" to our mission statement.

2. Drawing from the premise that spiritual health is the engine that drives the train of emotional well-being, which in turn leads to healthy relationships and improved student learning, our focus will be on developing Spiritual, Emotional, and Relational health slightly tweaking the well-researched Social Emotional Learning (SEL) model to be uncompromisingly biblical.

We will use the following resources to train teachers on healthy interactions, as we implement this initiative:

- Clifton Strengths Quest assessment
- The Social Emotional Learning model and tools
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Ted Tripp
- *Your Christian School: A Culture of Grace?* Video series & *The Age of Opportunity* by Paul Tripp
- Seminars on emotional health and suicide prevention



And in the background of every example is a teacher who supported and encouraged and prayed along the way. The Lord is sustaining each of us as we love students and engage them to learn and grow. We have no ability or capacity apart from Him. And as we follow His prompting, lives change.

This is the school community that the Lord is building here. I love this ministry! Our students and our staff are digging into the Word, pressing into how the Lord challenges us, yielding to the lessons He has for us, and are discovering how His creation points to a relationship with Him. This place and its people are His – may He be glorified!

OUR MISSION

In partnership with Christian families and local churches, we develop the whole person by shepherding our students through a Christ-centered education, challenging them to achieve their fullest potential

**Spiritually, Academically, Socially,
Physically, Relationally, Emotionally;**

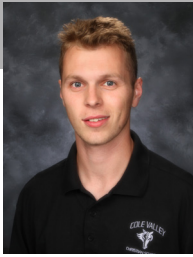
and preparing them with the foundation of God's unchanging truth so that they can serve Christ in a rapidly changing world.



We will progressively add to our list of resources as time goes on and will keep you informed on how we are utilizing them in the classroom, staff devotions, advisory groups, and in upcoming parenting seminars.

We invite you to partner with us in this effort by engaging with your students around these resources and by attending parent seminars as we make them available. If you have any questions on this topic, feel free to make an appointment with me. We are committed to your child's total well-being!

Proverbs 4:23 ~ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.



CHARGER ATHLETICS
Connor Jackson
Athletic Director



CVCS sports have started out the year strong. All three of our major fall sports are heading to the state tournament and are going to do well when they get there. Our cross country girls entered the state meet for girls 2A. It's going to be a fun ending to the month of October. Your attendance at games and events makes a big difference for our athletes and they thank you. Getting to know the coaches and athletes makes my job a joy.

CVCS' new REPU app has greatly enhanced our ability to stay connected with all activities at Cole Valley Christian. The app is free and provides rosters, schedules, score notifications, news articles, pictures, and directions. In the coming weeks, REPU will also include practice times, dismissal, and departure times. Download the app to track with all the neat things that our student athletes are doing.



A special thanks to the 27 foursomes who supported the golf scramble. Launching with the new Mega Putt and concluding with the coaches sharing their heart for developing character, faith and leadership in our excellent athletes, it was a huge success. Your investment in our athletic programs makes a huge difference.

The Golf Scramble and Online Athletics Auction earned over \$19,000 besting last years generosity by \$10K. Your kindness is making a HUGE difference for our kids.



Both Sophomore and JV teams landed district championships!

SPRING SUCCESS STORIES



Congratulations to the CVCS golf teams for being back to back **State Champions!**



Epic Undertaking: The men's track team made a daring decision to go after every relay in the State Meet—and they won them ALL thus earning the 4th place trophy with just 7 athletes competing.



Congratulations to Varsity baseball coach, **Nate Hoisen**, for being named **2A Coach of the Year!**

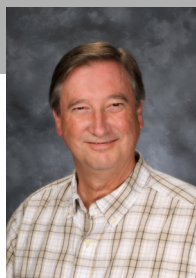


CVCS partnered with Meridian to launch Cole Valley's Swim Team. This was the first time in school history that a Charger swam for CVCS in a district meet!



The girls XC team placed 3rd in the state meet!





CHARGER ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Richard Taylor
Band and Colorguard

Wes Simmonds
Choir and Drama



This fall, Charger drama will perform *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick. It is a delightful, feel-good comedy about a woman named Ethel P. Savage who has just inherited almost 10 million dollars. After being placed in a psychiatric ward by her stepchildren, the story contrasts the kindness and loyalty of the patients there with the vanity of “respectable” public figures in society. I am excited and anxious to work through the difficult task of training young actors to portray characters realistically and without the need to overdo it for the sake of laughs. This can be tricky when playing characters suffering from mental illnesses, but I believe the beauty of the overall story helps us to remember to do this earnestly. The show’s overall message centers around showing love and kindness to everyone we meet, no matter how odd or different they may appear. We will be performing *The Curious Savage* December 6, 7, and 8 at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium at the Secondary Campus.

This semester our choirs look forward to showing respect and gratitude to our armed forces as well as celebrate in the joy of Jesus’ birth. Our Senior High Choir will honor our veterans on November 8 in the Veterans Day Assembly. The Junior High choir will join in for our Christmas Choir and Band concert on December 10. This year we are adding a festive medieval spin and we hope you can all come enjoy the fun.

Charger Band & Colorguard’s field show is based on *Phantom of the Opera* and includes many theatrical elements. They have competed against and placed above many much larger schools so far this year. They will perform their field show at the concert on December 10.

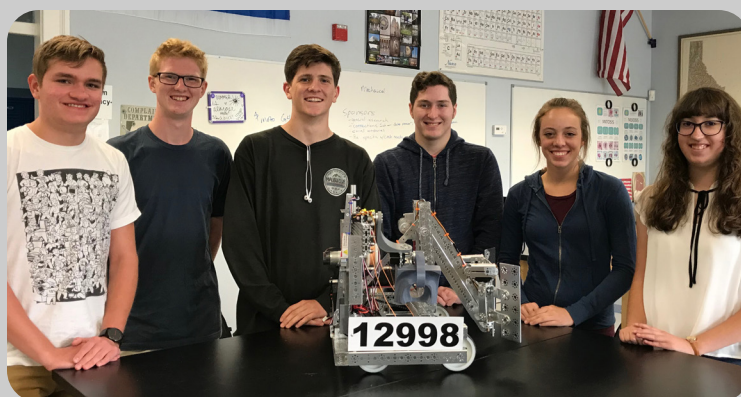


CVCS Band and Colorguard were named DIII 2A Champions!



COMPETITION ROBOTICS TEAM

CVCS Competition Robotics began last year and continues this year with an enthusiastic team of students ready to conquer the First Tech Challenges. They will design, engineer and program a complex robot that can complete a specified list of autonomous and operator-directed challenges. They compete in scrimmages to test their robots capabilities and will work up to the main competition in Moscow in February. To watch this year’s challenge, look up **ROVER RUCKUS** presented by Qualcomm on YouTube.



CVCS CHARGER SOCIAL MEDIA

Not on Facebook or Twitter? No problem. All CVCS social media feeds can be viewed on the schools website by clicking “ATHLETICS” or “STUDENT LIFE” on the main menu bar at ColeValleyChristian.org



Advancement Department

Kyna Ritchie

Advancement Director

We were thrilled to welcome over 1,015 students back to school to examine studies through a biblical lens. We also welcomed our new Superintendent and have begun to understand why God called him to CVCS as he brings additional insight and creativity to our leadership team. This summer we were able to complete new modulars at the Elementary Campus and the Joshua Institute as well as complete the Field House interior and landscaping. The Elementary Campus moved into new dedicated STEAM and SAS classrooms as well as creative outdoor learning spaces. The Secondary now has a new admissions office to help us welcome new families. We are currently working on new tools for families to share to enhance their ability to refer friends and family to CVCS. Because we know students' hearts encounter God daily through their staff and peers, we are investigating one campus options for expanding our student body as we prepare for the future.



All School Picnic to welcome back 1,015 CVCS students



Chargers to appear in Fischer's Technology Business Partners Calendar



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<https://www.colevalleychristian.org/support-cvcs/donate.cfm#.W9jO8hNKjLE>



Darran Crager

Security Director and Elementary Pastor

New Position Enhances Security and Mentoring

A generous grant from St. Al's enhanced our defense tools and first aid packs for all classrooms. Training in awareness and action steps has greatly strengthened the abilities and self-confidence for all staff as they protect our students inside and surrounding our buildings on both campuses.

In the pastoral roll, Darran spends time daily listening to and guiding the students on their young journey both spiritually as well as with social etiquette. This is especially helpful with the boys on the Elementary Campus.

The men's ministry to volunteering parents and grandparents has been rich and greatly appreciated. Having men spend time in group prayer over our school and students has been powerful. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. – even months at the Secondary Campus and odd months at the Elementary Campus. Please join them if you would like.

None of the human efforts above hold any weight compared to living in the presence of and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for Darran and the CVCS staff that the strength and wisdom of God will flow in us and be reflected outwardly as we pursue Christ and love others into the Kingdom. Please read Galatians 3.

WORK-A-THON

On November 16, CVCS students flooded our community to be helpful, work hard, and serve. Our desire was to be a blessing to those around us.

You can make a Work-A-Thon pledge toward your favorite student or staff to bless our school through Thanksgiving.

Pledge online at
CVCS-WAT-2018.causevox.com

Save the Date

and invite others to join you for the

CVCS GALA

APRIL 11 • 6:30 P.M.

CHARGERS IN THE NEWS



Field of Faith

Senior Emily Ziegler, partnered with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for her senior project to help plan and execute **Field of Faith**. The outreach to the Treasure Valley invited Christian teens to bring their friends to hear from believing athletes and encourage faith in Christ. Kids came for food, games, worship and speakers and was a great success!



Japan: The Prettymans, Kasubas, and Nordells hosted VBS at an International School in Japan.

"Japan was amazing! The people and food were more than I expected. Serving God in another culture is life changing. It really brings to life the meaning of loving the lost."

-Jo Kasuba

Jo's seventh grade son from CVCS even took the opportunity to draw and present the gospel to his young group.

"We were able to rejuvenate the teachers who are serving every day in a dark country, and show the amazing love of Jesus to the kids!"

-Grayson Prettyman



Local: Caleb Ritchie (2016) has stepped up as the head leader to launch Young Life at Mountain View High School helped by Danika Langley (2015).

His brother, Josh Ritchie (2019), is a student leader for West Ada Wyldlife serving Junior High students at Lowell Scott.

YL is a Christian outreach to unbelieving teens around the world. Learn more at <http://westadayounglife.com/>

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Peru: Last May, seven CVCS students traveled to Peru to partner with a local church nestled in the heart of Lima. They helped with Sunday school, taught English at a local private school, dug out the foundation of a new church construction in a poor village on the fringe of Lima, performed a skit, gave testimonies, and came alongside the body of Christ in another continent to serve and worship our same powerful God together.



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CVCS PURPOSE

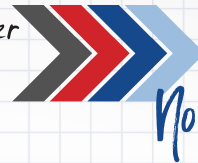
The only reason we exist is to serve Jesus Christ by developing the whole person to impact the world for Him.

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*Idaho Learning Center
& Academy*



Joshua
Institute

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KNOW?

Giving God the glory
for the great things
HE has done at CVCS

This year, CVCS' affiliate campus for talented students who benefit from a non-traditional approach, was renamed the Joshua Institute. Our proprietary approach develops strengths, strengthens weaknesses, and provides tools and strategies that do more than improve a student's GPA - it transforms their learning journey. The Joshua Institute (JI) offers 4 different school options and a portfolio of services to meet the needs of students who learn differently. JI also provides services to adults who desire to overcome learning challenges.

Whether students thrive in a non-traditional approach to education, or simply want life-changing intervention while attending their current school, Joshua Institute is committed to helping students throughout the Treasure Valley who have learning disabilities become successful in their learning journey. The inspiration for the new name came from Joshua 1:9, in an effort to encourage students to "...be strong and courageous" as they navigate their educational experience, knowing that God will be with them wherever they go.

Learn more at JoshuaInstitute.org