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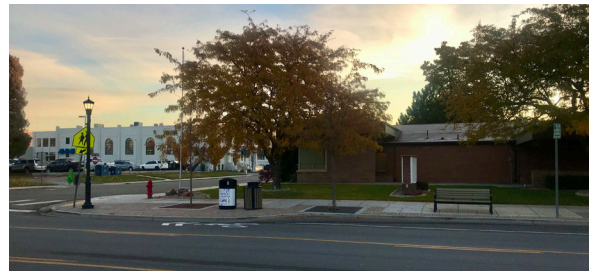
One of the most impressive things we've experienced in Idaho is Fall – with all the leaves changing colors. Coming from Texas, having four distinct seasons is still new to us. Just as the seasons change, I am excited about how God is moving in our school with new changes on our horizon.

As we began praying for God's direction in expanding our capacity at the Secondary Campus, He began to open doors and answer prayers. I am excited to announce that God has allowed us to purchase a building directly across from the school. We are naming it the "Brewer Building" after the previous owners whose children had attended Cole Christian School before it became CVCS. They reached out to us with an incredible opportunity to purchase the building because they wanted to continue the legacy of kingdom work in our school that their own children had experienced.

Work will begin soon to renovate the building with classrooms for use in the 2020/2021 school year. This will help us open availability for grades 7-12 where we are almost at capacity now.

It's such a privilege to serve you in this role and have a front-row seat to all that God is doing in the lives of our students, our families, and the future of Cole Valley Christian Schools!

Dr. Justin Jordan
Superintendent



HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE

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

20 YEARS



Becky Bertram

10 YEARS



Karla Renfrow



Richard Taylor



ELEMENTARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Shelly Crager

Elementary Campus Principal

Over the past year, Cole Valley Christian Schools took a deep dive into pollinator structure/function, habitats, ecosystems, and food sustainability. Through a partnership with the Brandt Foundation and Feed a Bee, we've overhauled a desolate area into an outdoor STEAM lab and a thriving native pollinator garden. Students from preschool through 6th grade spent time in the garden area weekly observing, planning, calculating, dissecting, and always planting. We also sought partnerships between our local Treasure Valley Beekeepers, Boise Urban Garden School, Zamzows, and Lowe's Home Improvement who offered advice and donated tools to improve our garden. Through each of these partnerships, we are building a community of students and families passionate about increasing pollinators in our local ecosystem.

The Brandt Outdoor STEAM Lab incorporates all units of science. From a high-tech weather station to a stream table to vermicomposting, students build and explore experiments in an outdoor setting. By using renewable energy, students gain skills in solar energy and the importance of protecting our environment. A simple shed is filled with hands-on tools such as ramps, pulleys, timers, rulers, and so much more. To help with the heat of the summer, curtains and high velocity fans were installed. During summer months, the garden is cared for by our Extended Care students and staff. Students have taken ownership of weeding and checking on adequate water for the plants which builds care for the garden into all students.



GROWING PAINS OR...GROWING GAINS?

Becky Folk

Director of Student Academic Services

We had a busy season of admitting students in grades 1st- 12th enrolled in the Student Academic Services (SAS) program. With this significant increase of students, we added 7 experienced, passionate teachers! The substantial growth proved immediate building challenges at both campuses. At the Elementary, an existing SAS modular transformed into 4 additional classrooms for students in 1st-6th grades. At the Secondary, the Annex storage rooms and kitchen became 3 additional classrooms for students in 7th-12th grades. These new classrooms provide a smaller learning environment for students with varying learning differences or learning disabilities. The SAS program also includes support services for a variety of learning needs: Organizational Lab, Group Academic Support Lab, individual academic coaching or educational therapy, and content-specific interventions. All students that participate in the SAS program are integrated into daily school life (chapels, specials or electives, lunch, field trips, student retreats, school events, and more.) So, back to the original question: Growing Pains or Growing Gains? As the SAS program expands, CVCS reaches a broader population of learners who will GAIN confidence in their academics, GAIN new friendships, and GAIN an understanding that God has "fearfully and wonderfully made" them and has a purpose and a plan for them.



New SAS classrooms at the Elementary Campus



SECONDARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Kim DeMain

Secondary Campus Principal

Every year, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation conducts an academic competition that can lead to college scholarships. Such recognition is considered prestigious and can amount to considerable awards sponsored by corporate organizations, colleges and universities. CVCS has the privilege of recognizing three National Merit Commended students (top 4% of the nation's seniors) and one National Merit Semifinalist (within the top 1% of those tested).

Join us in praying for these seniors and the rest of our senior class. As they gain independence, may they grow in dependence on the Lord and seek Him first; *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”* Romans 8:28.



Homecoming Spirit Days



Football Student Section



Devin Vander Stelt: *National Merit Semifinalist* • He plans on majoring in computer science and growing his musical skills while in college. Devin says he enjoys, *“programming for work, robotics, and any other project I can dream up.”* He serves on our worship team and at his church by running their livestream.



Anna Herman: *National Merit Commended Student* • She plans on majoring in accounting and minoring in both Spanish and music. Anna loves reading, playing games, and playing the organ (she plays at church almost every month) – great activities, but according to her, *“most of all I enjoy spending time with my family.”* She also volunteers in the Boise Public Library system.



Jackson Baker: *National Merit Commended Student* • He plans to pursue his studies in mechanical engineering or applied mathematics. Jackson enjoys playing basketball and soccer *“while embracing my inner nerd – doing all the math that I can and building my small YouTube channel – The Theories of J Greezy.”* Jackson loves to serve at the backpack program, in his church, and by tutoring others in math.



Nikola Wright: *National Merit Commended Student* • She is already thinking about grad school and becoming a research psychologist. She loves music, the outdoors, ceramics, and book-binding. Nikola has served the community by making blankets for shelters and helping with The Festival of Trees – she says, *“it allows me to feel connected with the community.”*



FOCUS ON CVCS' SPIRITUAL CLIMATE

Matt Beglinger

Director of Spiritual Development

What initially attracted me to this place, an element that has never changed through the various hats I've worn over my two decades at CVCS, is the opportunity to share the kingdom of heaven with students. I have simply not found anything that compares to the joy in bringing Jesus to others and seeking Him together.

In my new role as Director of Spiritual Development, I have an opportunity to focus more specifically on the spiritual climate of our school finding new ways to engage students. Among the things I am excited about are:

Student-Led Retreats

This year we have retreats for 6th through 12th grades. These retreats are not only full of fun, fellowship and spiritual growth, but are also a great opportunity for leadership development.



Cross-Campus Relationships

We are looking for more ways to allow our older and younger students to spend time together. Whether it be reading or playing kickball, these connections are inspiring to watch.

Community Service

From Work-A-Thon to local ministries to neighbors in need, our students benefit when they give themselves away for others. They discover they were made to love God and love others well.

School/Home Partnership

While I do not want to clog your inbox with more emails, I do look forward to more communication with families from a spiritual development standpoint. It is vitally important that families have a pulse on what we are discussing in school for follow-up discussion at home.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak into the lives of your children. I look forward to walking alongside them (and you) as we *“seek first His kingdom.”*



CHARGER ATHLETICS
Connor Jackson
Athletic Director



The 2019-2020 theme of the year for Chargers athletics is John 3:30 "He must increase and I must decrease" centering around the theme of humility. In John 3, John the Baptist exemplifies humility in elevating Christ and lowering himself during their parallel public ministries. A posture of true humility comes from a right view of God. We also want all our Charger athletes to recognize that everything from personality, to talents, and accomplishments comes from the hand of God. We shouldn't be puffed up in our own abilities. To God be the glory!

The last letter I was asked to write was at a time that spring sports was just beginning. By the end of the year, we had 8 of our 9 programs go to State. Softball, the lone sport that didn't, jumped from having 6 players to having two teams (Varsity and JV).

This summer was a success as I was able to use the money from last year's Golf Scramble fundraiser to purchase new equipment such as: a portable/inflatable batting cage for baseball, 2 cheer mats, new Spalding ball racks, a caged locker in the equipment room, a new customized volleyball net, dumbbells, new uniforms, push carts for golf, running belts for XC, new Riddell football helmets, pole vaults and so much more. We just finished our 2019 Golf Scramble and it was an even greater success with the help of Charger Blue and the Charger community's participation. We have some big things in store that we are excited to get to work on.

One of the great thrills of this job is seeing our student athletes with the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level. We have two seniors to date that have committed to play college athletics.

- **Brooke Weimer** – Track & Field, *University of Louisville*
- **Maddie Cooke** – Basketball, *The Masters University*

Congratulations, ladies! We're so fired up for you and excited to root you on at the next level.



Boys 5th and Girls 6th at State Cross Country



Varsity Football Headed to State



Varsity Volleyball



Softball at Golf Scramble



Brooke Weimer



Maddie Cooke



NEW Junior Chargers Booster Club



CHARGER ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Richard Taylor
Band and Color Guard

Wes Simmonds
Choir and Drama

The Cole Valley Christian School Instrumental Music Department seeks to follow the concepts of John 8:12 with Luke 11:33. Serving Christ is the combination of these, taking the light of Christ and sharing it in the community. For the Secondary Band and Color Guard, we do this through performances that support the athletic teams and in marching competitions such as the US Bands Caldwell competition and the District III Mel Shelton Marching Festival. The Band and Color Guard will also march in the Boise Veterans Day Parade on November 2, the Boise Holiday Parade on November 23, the Meridian Winter Lights Parade on December 6, and will be a part of the Gene Harris Jazz Festival in April. Serving Christ includes public concerts by the Band and Orchestra. Second semester, the Color Guard will continue serving Christ by sharing His light during the winter guard season which will include events throughout the Pacific Northwest.



DIII Champions



BSU Honor Guard recipients

The Elementary Band and String Ensemble are making great strides as they are learning the basics of playing instruments. They are looking forward to sharing the light of Christ in performances during the Christmas season, for the Grandparents Day celebration, and in the end-of-the-year Instrumental Music Spring Concert.

Upcoming Events and Performances

NOVEMBER 11 • Veterans Day Chapel

DECEMBER 12-14 • Fall Play, 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 16 • Christmas Concert, 7:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 7 • Daddy/Daughter Dance

FEBRUARY 28 • Lip Sync Battle

MARCH 5-7 • Charger Art Show

Choir - Patriotic Inspiration and Classic Christmas

This semester our junior high and high school choirs are combining to bring you some beautiful music at two different events. Our annual Veterans Day Chapel will feature a couple of rousing patriotic tunes as well as a beautiful reminder of God's sovereignty through times of hardship and trial. The choirs will also be joined by the CVCS band for our Christmas concert. We invite you to come join us for some festive and familiar songs as we spend the evening reflecting on the birth of our Savior with a night of carols.

Theatre - Shakespeare set in the Wild West

The Cole Valley Christian Theater Department has been diligently working on our fall semester play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by the great poet and playwright, William Shakespeare. Performing Shakespeare is always an amazing academic experience, yet one of the best parts about performing his plays is the freedom we have to spice it up due to all of his works being in the public domain. This year, we have decided to try something none of us have ever seen before! The Theater Department has rewritten the script into a modern translation that will be easy for audiences, young and old, to follow. We've decided to set this beloved, classic comedy during the time of the expansion of the American frontier, or the Wild West. If you are a fan of the old Clint Eastwood or John Wayne movies, you do not want to miss this production! We will be performing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" December 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 P.M. in the Cole Valley Christian High School auditorium. Tickets will be \$5 General Admission, free for Charger Arts Booster Club members.



Advancement Department

Kyna Ritchie

Advancement Director

“As you grow to love our students, you will want nothing but the absolute best opportunities for them.”

The summer brought many projects to CVCS to enhance our ability to serve students at all levels. The secondary saw a major office remodel with a front-door facing reception area to welcome the continuous stream of families touring our campus. The Junior High was given their own floor of the building and it has created great cohesion in those grades. The elementary playground was resurfaced to better protect those active at recess. Our Annex became an ideal location for our expanded Student Academic Services. And the SAS Elementary portable was subdivided into 4 functional classrooms to better serve our students. But we are not done yet - the Learning Commons and Brewer Building are next.

The Secondary library will become a more modern Learning Commons where teachers of all topics can bring students to access research tools they could not access on their own. We added a collaboration room, replaced the windows, added a circulation desk, and have big plans for individual study pods as well as multipurpose furniture that can transition from collaboration groups to conference-style seating to support future training opportunities for our students and families. Our Work-A-Thon that happened just before Thanksgiving break will help fund the fruition of this project. **To give to Work-a-Thon, text CVCS to 555888.**

We launched our first-ever Booster Club for Athletics and Arts with a new Junior Charger level where our varsity students can offer skills workshops and game experiences for our 1st-6th graders. Our Golf Scramble fundraiser was a huge success as we added a second day and 20 additional teams desiring to benefit Charger Athletics. Work-A-Thon is just around the corner and we are doubling the organizations impacted by our students. We are excited to return to the projects we previously partnered with and make new friends as we expose our students to worthy causes near our campuses. As they work, they discover how lifegiving it is to help others. And through inviting pledges toward their work, they discover that others actually enjoy supporting a cause that is having a great impact. Please pray for God to inspire generosity on behalf of our students and thank you for investing in CVCS and making a difference. Please consider our mission in your year-end charitable giving to make the most of your Idaho Educational Tax Credit and build the future of Cole Valley Christian Schools. **Give at ColeValleyChristian.org / Support / Donate Online.**



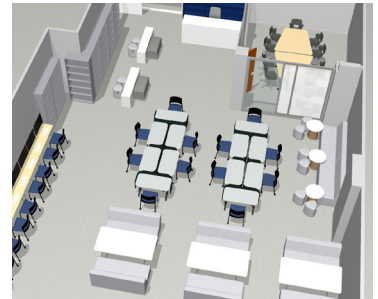
New Secondary Front Office



Junior Chargers Booster Club



Work-A-Thon



Vision for Learning Commons



WHEN SAFETY DRILLS BECOME SALVATIONS

Matthew Price

Jr. High Bible Teacher

As Mr. Price worked with his class to understand our multi-layered safety strategy for everything from fire drills to lock downs to evacuations, it created the opportunity to ask students about their eternity. He asked students if they were certain what would happen after their death should a tragedy occur. After sharing the full truth of the gospel, five students prayed to accept the gift of Jesus' death on the cross and start a new relationship with Him. This is the privilege we have in a Christian school to follow God's prompting in whatever teaching situation we find ourselves in.



Junior High Spirit Week Friendships

The LEGACY Gala
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CHARGERS IN THE NEWS

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Chris Goranson

Class of 2014 and CVCS Assistant Football Coach

God used every resource to draw incredibly close to Chris this year, and as their relationship ignited, God was preparing him for His purpose with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. God gave Chris a vision to bring FCA Motocross to Idaho as a camp and track-side ministry. Chris also gets to lead 7th-12th graders in Huddles and bring the Bible back into public schools. As this is Chris' ministry, he is in need of prayer and support. Check out his ministry website at fcaaction.org or email Chris at cgoranson@fca.org to learn more.



SENIOR PROJECTS LEAD TO SPECIAL MOMENTS

Brady Frame and **Connor Howard** partnered with *Game Changers Idaho* and Coach Moreno to give these kids a great football experience. *Game Changers* is a nonprofit that uses sports to create inclusion and acceptance for kids in K-12th grades with all abilities. They teach mentorship, leadership skills, patience and understanding of others and also show kids that even though we are all different, we are also the same. Our athletes have loved befriending and coaching these fantastic kids and look forward to each time they can be with them.



COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN GETS HER OWN TEAM

Mykayla Panchenko, *Class of 2019*

After watching **Mykayla Panchenko** perform with our CVCS Color Guard for the past few years, the Marsing Band Director saw an opportunity to take their guard to the next level. She reached out to Mykayla, hired her in the middle of the marching band season, handed her the music, and gave her full creative freedom to create the guard portion of their competition show. She will also take her guard through parade season and straight into winter guard competitions. Her experience with Cole Valley's guard prepared her for this responsibility and we are thrilled for her!



BOYS STATE LEADS TO A BIG HONOR

Ethan Sage, *Class of 2020*

Congratulations to senior, **Ethan Sage**, who applied to and was accepted to attend Idaho Gem Boys State this year. Boys State is an intensive week-long summer leadership and citizenship program offered by The American Legion for high school juniors. At the conclusion of Boys State, one boy was selected to advance as a national finalist for the Samsung scholarship. "Based on academic pursuits, dedication to the community and attributes in keeping with the efforts of US servicemen and women", Ethan was selected from the great state of Idaho, advanced to the national level, and was awarded one of 10 National Scholar Runner-Up \$5,000 Scholarships.



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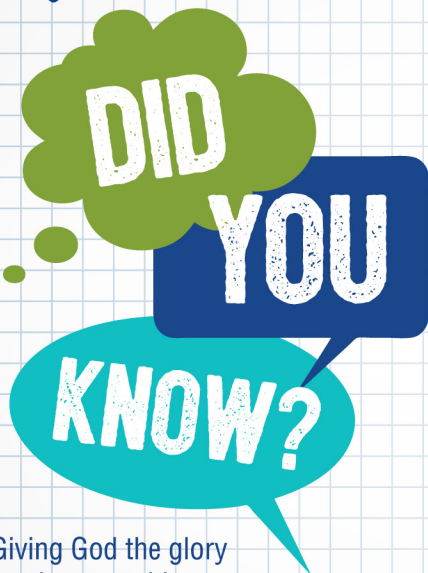
Christian Schools

CVCS PURPOSE

The only reason we exist is to serve Jesus Christ by developing the whole person through a Christ-centered education.

CVCS MISSION

Partnering with Christian families to shepherd and challenge students toward their individual potential to impact the world for Jesus Christ.



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

Goal: Every Student Knows Their Next Steps after Graduation

At CVCS, our goal to meet every students' learning needs takes on a different look as they near the end of high school. In the College and Career Department, it's our passion to get each student to their desired destination. For some, that will be a four-year university or a two-year college. For others, it's going to mean navigating through the different vocational programs or military options.

In the College and Career Prep class, we start out the year examining our students' Strengths Finder results, interest inventories, and personalities to help them find a major or career that suits them. As the semester continues, we learn to navigate the waters of college websites and build both academic and professional resumes to ensure that our kids are ready to be successful after CVCS.

Our desire is that every junior leaves this year feeling confident in their ability to apply to college or meet with recruiters or interview for jobs. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you and your students as we prepare them to launch in to the world to spread God's word.

Fast Facts for 2018-2019 *(the last 2 graduating classes):*

- 82.5% committed to a 4- or 2-year college (vs. 49% "go-on" to college rate for the state of Idaho high school graduates).
- 17.5% committed to military, missions or launched directly into the workforce.