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COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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The Class of 2017



We are rapidly approaching another graduation ... the class of 2017, another wonderful class of Cole Valley Christian Chargers. As I reflect on our seniors, I want to share one story that exemplifies this class and what we desire to be about at CVCS.

One of our young women, Sarah, was on her way to a culminating senior season as a basketball player. She had been on varsity since her freshman year and was destined to help lead the Lady Chargers to their first state championship. However, her anticipation of a perfect senior year was replaced with disappointment and pain when she had a season-ending ACL injury last summer.

As coach of the 7th grade girls' basketball team, of which my daughter is a member, I invited Sarah to turn her disappointment into an opportunity to mentor and coach these young ladies. They have respected and admired her as a player for years. She agreed and the team was elated. Sarah's response to adversity as well as her example, advice, honesty, and influence throughout the season had a deep spiritual impact on our young Chargers.



As a father, my greatest desire is to help my children know Jesus. No amount of money could purchase the positive influence for Jesus that Sarah has had in my daughter's life. In this experience, we witnessed 3 generations of mentors having now invested in the 4th generation, thus leaving my daughter inspired to serve the next.

Our students are not perfect at CVCS, just as none of us are. Thankfully, perfection is not what God requires of us in order to serve Him. Jesus, though perfect Himself, took on all of our imperfections so that we can be reconciled to God. It is that great news that Sarah, and so many of her classmates, have come to grasp and desire to share with the world. Sarah will be doing that in a gap year global outreach program called the 'World Race'. Others of the class of 2017 will spend next year on the mission field of college campuses, the workplace or training for ministry. We pray that the foundation of the Grace, Truth, and Love of our Lord Jesus will guide them in all their many endeavors, and that they may reach their fullest potential in serving Him in whatever good works He has prepared for them to do.

Amen.
Brad Carr, Superintendent



The Senior Class of

**COLE VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

*announces its
Commencement Exercises*

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON
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TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN
THREE O'CLOCK**

**BRANDT CENTER
Northwest Nazarene University**



Senior Class of 2017



ELEMENTARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT
Shelly Crager
Elementary Campus Principal

Building Community at the Elementary Campus

The month of March was filled with many opportunities for fellowship and memories at the Elementary Campus.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a fun-filled week that began with a green eggs and ham breakfast for our students. Mid-week, our PTF hosted a book fair at Barnes & Noble. Our Kids Praise Team performed to worship music proclaiming the name of Christ throughout the store for all to hear. Mrs. Barker, one of our kindergarten teachers, led a reading time in the kid's corner and boldly shared the gospel to all the children who gathered. While it was a fun night of fellowship for our school family, our students and staff shared the love of Christ to others in the community.

The Read-A-Thon week ended with our first annual Dr. Seuss Carnival. We were in awe with the amount of families who attended. The evening was summed up best by a sixth grade student who commented as we were cleaning up, "this was one of the best carnivals I have ever been to!" The overall goal was to build community, however, through the Read-A-Thon pledges, our school raised close to \$10,000 that will be used for technology and flexible seating options to meet student needs in the classrooms.

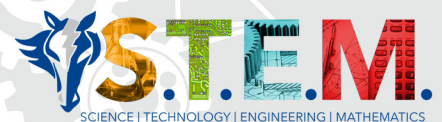
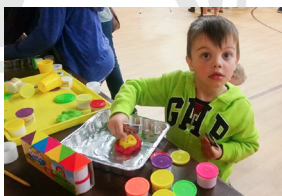


The month ended with our annual Grandparents' Day celebration. Close to 600 grandparents attended this event. The students did an amazing job as they performed songs of praise and worship. This is always my favorite day of the year, but this year was extraordinary.

God continues to bless CVCS as a school and a family. Please continue to pray for His daily guidance as we continue to serve and glorify Him.

The Academic Fair Gets a Makeover

Thanks to generous grants, our Academic Fair took on a whole new look this year. Each grade looked at a different topic and the attendees got to interact with their work. From space to electrical circuits, wind and water erosion to ocean eco systems, habitats and physiology all were added to the students reports, poems, drawings and sculpture. Sixth grade helpers guided the younger guests at each station. It was truly impressive.





SECONDARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Kim DeMain

Secondary Campus Principal

Every year, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation conducts an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. Such recognition is super prestigious and can amount to considerable awards sponsored by corporate organizations, colleges and universities. Cole Valley Christian, though small by comparison, has had a stellar record of National Merit Scholars over the years. This year is no exception.

CVCS has the privilege of recognizing both a National Merit Commended student and a National Merit Semifinalist. A commended student is within the top 4% of the nation's seniors who took the PSAT as juniors and a semifinalist is within the top 1% of those tested.



Nic Herman is our National Merit Commended student. After graduation, he will be attending Dordt College in Iowa where he is planning to study biology and pre-veterinary medicine. Nic is grateful for how the Lord has led him through the process of choosing a college where he'll be able to play football and run track. We can't wait

to see how Nic's combination of athletic, academic and leadership talents are used for God's glory.

Rylie Brown is our National Merit Finalist. Guess where she's planning on attending college? Dordt College will be welcoming Rylie as well, where she plans to put her analytical and problem solving brain to use in the study of engineering. She is thankful for her Christ-centered education and for the staff at CVCS who challenged and pushed her to reach for her God-given potential. Rylie wants to serve the Lord wherever He continues to faithfully lead.



Please join us in praying for these seniors and the rest of our graduating class as they gain more independence. May they gain and strive for more dependence on the Lord and love Him above all else.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27.



SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

Melody Moehlmann

Global and Local Outreach Coordinator



God is on the move! He is alive and active in students who are out serving in our churches, community, country and world. Isaac Buck, a 7th grader, runs the sound board at his church. At the Meridian Foodbank, CVCS junior highers fill up hundreds of backpacks each month with weekend food for hungry kids. Ninth grader, Gage Dillon, regularly leads Monday night worship at the Boise Rescue Mission chapel. High school students just returned from a week long San Francisco homeless ministry. The Kenya outreach team of 11 students and 2 teachers left in April to share the love of Jesus through medicine, Vacation Bible School, and relationship to Kenyan students at an orphanage and a teenage scholarship conference.

Cole Valley Christian presents students with service opportunities each month whether it be at the Meridian Foodbank, Boise Rescue Mission, mentoring younger students, helping with the Easter egg hunt at Kleiner Park, or volunteering in the summer to be a counselor at Glory Children

Academy's camp for autistic children. For more information about how your student get involved around our school, in our churches, and/or in the community, visit ColeValleyChristian.org > Student Life > Secondary Resources > Service Opportunities. Also, in the works is a proposed outreach project to Peru in 2018 for those students longing to practice using their Spanish speaking skills. The Great Commission is alive and well at CVCS.



CHARGER ATHLETICS
Dan Reece
Athletic Director

READY, SET, GO!

Spring sports are off in a flash and we are seeing amazing improvements across all our athletic programs. This is very encouraging and our coaches are giving glory to Christ for the improvement. Adding both baseball and softball last year was a 100% growth in our spring sports. We went from just 2 sports (Track and Golf) to 4 (Track, Golf, Baseball and Softball). We are a few short weeks away from district competition and State Competitions are right around the corner. Our football program took part their off season to invest in our local Special Olympians.



In winter sports, our Ski Team grew in both nordic and alpine programs. Our varsity girls' basketball team returned to the State Tournament where the CVCS Cheer Team won the State Sportsmanship Award for a 3rd time this year. Our Elementary Chargers enthusiastically joined the Charger MOB's game theme fun. And, we had 2 undefeated basketball teams in our 8th grade boys' and JV boys' teams.

As I reflect on where we are headed, I am very excited about the people that the Lord has coaching and serving our student-athletes. He has been faithful to bring coaches who have amazing gifts and a passion for their sport. These coaches sacrifice so much to be able to mentor, challenge, shepherd and develop these student-athletes and I am so grateful to be able to coach alongside some amazing men and women of Christ. Please take some time to come out and support your favorite Charger athletes as they shine bright for Him! God bless, and Go Chargers!





CHARGER ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Richard Taylor,
Band & Color Guard

Wes Simmonds,
Choir & Drama



This spring has been a great period of growth and outreach for the band, string ensemble, Color Guard, choir and Theater Department.

The Pep Band experience allowed the younger students to enjoy learning at a completely new pace and performing at a higher level. The solo concert was a springboard for several of our students who went on to the District III Solo Festival where they received various recognitions for their performances. Our string ensemble students received some of the highest accolades.

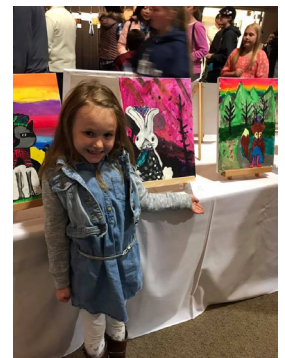
The young ladies of the Color Guard participated in a series of Winter Guard events hosted by the Treasure Valley Indoor Association presenting a message and show titled, "Soldiers Light." The audiences and other participants were deeply touched by their message as they performed in Fruitland, Mountain Home, and Meridian.



Most recently, the band participated in the Gene Harris Jazz Festival held at Boise State University. This provided our students an opportunity to study and experience the jazz music idiom. The band received one of the highest ratings in our history, with one of our members receiving an outstanding accolade for his improvisation solos.



The choir traveled to Seattle, Washington, and competed in the ACSI High School Choral Festival in March. The Theater Department performed *The Tempest*, complete with a creative space setting. Our annual Charger Arts Visual Arts Show welcomed dozens of budding artists from all three campuses. Multiple after-school programs were led by members of the Charger Arts organization who desired to invest in the art appreciation of future Chargers.



We are looking for students interested in instrumental music or Color Guard next year. We will hold clinics and camps over the summer. Please contact Mr. Taylor at rtaylor@cvcsonline.org for information.



ADVANCEMENT

COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

It has been a privilege to watch God move people’s hearts in alignment with 2 Corinthians 8:3-5, *“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.”*

More than 150 businesses and families gave creative and generous items to our auction. The Read-a-Thon and Christmas Program Seat Auction generated far more than we had ever hoped to purchase new instruments and creative seating solutions at our Elementary Campus.



With the new fence around the Annex and the new groundfloor hallway into the Commons, we have been able to secure our Secondary Campus.

BIG ideas have been brainstormed and are gaining momentum as people creatively desire to provide for our great school and our faculty. However, the winter was hard on our historic Secondary Campus and we discovered needs for roof and other repairs. We trust the Lord will provide for these needs as we focus on shepherding students towards their full potential in Christ. Together we can continue the impact on young hearts *“so they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* (Colossians 2:2)

Fancy up the Field House

Hill Construction is beginning the Field House renovation and we could not be more grateful and excited. Their plan is to create coaches offices, concessions prep and storage areas, interior and exterior restrooms, as well as a team meeting room that can also be used for other gatherings.

The City of Meridian has approved a grant to landscape the Field House’s surroundings. We are so thrilled to be beautifying our city as well as providing for our ongoing athletic and meeting needs.

It has been incredible to watch God provide through the entire field development. In the tradition of Joshua 4, we will soon be offering you the opportunity to memorialize a significant person or memory in your life through our legacy brick program that will continue to provide for our Complete the Campus campaign and future building projects at both campuses.



Giving Made Simple

There are a few new ways to monetarily support the mission of CVCS! You can text “CVCS” to 41444 and you will receive a reply through which you can finalize and designate your donation. -OR- Visit the homepage at www.colevalleychristian.org and click the INVEST IN CVCS button at the bottom of the page.



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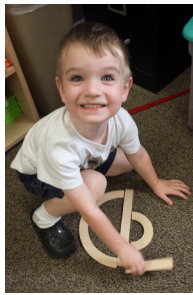
The Legacy of Love CELEBRATION & AUCTION

Thank you to those who attended or bid online at our auction in March. We were able to raise \$40,000 for our great school. Milan Yerkovich shared how impressed he was with the mission of our school to help every child reach their full potential God built into them. Several alumni reflected on the impact that CVCS had on them and how they are serving God in their communities today. We recommend that you watch their video on YouTube by searching “CVCS Alumni Reflections.” It will warm your heart to hear their faith in action.

CHARGER NEWS

Our Exceptional Pre-Kindergarten Program

The academic foundation CVCS offers in the Pre-K program is purposely layered with intention and strategy. By creatively layering several incredibly effective age and motor-skills appropriate curriculums, these young Chargers are gaining a foundation in learning that is setting them up for school success. Tune into our new video preview on our website under *About CVCS > Our Campuses > Pre-Kindergarten*.

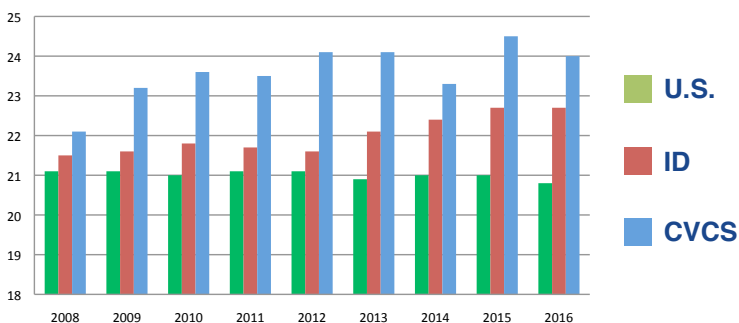


“Fashioned in Freedom” Fashion Show Benefits Wipe Every Tear

Three seniors partnered together for their senior project to make a difference for women on the other side of the world. They organized a fashion show that involved dozens of their fellow students. They invited Kenny Sacht, director of Wipe Every Tear and former CVCS teacher, to come and give a ministry update. Hannah Buckels painted an original piece, and they auctioned off the art and desserts to raise enough to keep two women out of the sex trafficking world for a full year. It was a beautiful and memorable evening as we realized that what we do can impact others around the world. Because these three seniors involved many students in their project, those students are now aware of this ministry that grew out of the halls of CVCS. Bravo to **Miriam Edes, Margaux Miller, and Sarah Hengst** for your senior project with impact.

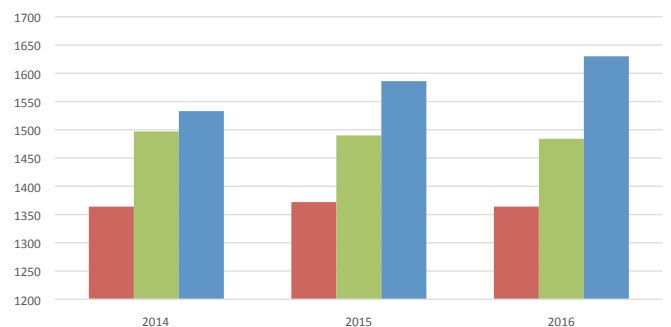


Cole Valley Students—We Are Proud of You! *Check out the current statistics from our academic testing.*



COLLEGE PREP TESTS
ACT Composite Scores

- CVCS has higher % of students taking the ACT than Idaho by far.
- Idaho scores are increasing as % of students taking it decreases to less than 35%.



COLLEGE PREP TESTS
SAT Composite Scores

- On average, 50% of CVCS students take the SAT.
- Idaho has a much higher % of students taking SAT than the ACT.
- Some students take both. Tests taken are usually dependent on preference of college the students are interested in.



CVCS CHARGER SOCIAL MEDIA

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



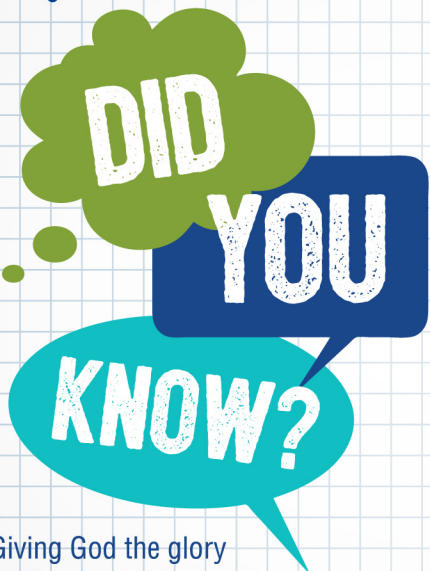
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Christian Schools

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

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



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

Your Christmas Program Seat Auction Generosity in Action!

Why did we torture parents, music teachers and students for over 50 years with recorder flute squeaks and squawks? Because we had always done it that way...

Thanks to parents who bought seats at our Christmas Program Seat Auction this year, we were able to buy 72 xylophones for our classroom to replace recorders.

Students no longer have to push through the difficult fine-motor skills of fingering at the same time learning to read and play music. They are having a blast in their Xylophone Karate Music Program, earning bead “belts” while learning to read music!

Our hearts and ears are so grateful!

