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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.

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

Vibrant International Student Program

International Student Program Director, OkHee Chang, had a desire for students from other cultures to learn about Jesus. She knew that families from other countries value an English-speaking education for many reasons. Twelve years ago, God led her to put these two desires together to begin the CVCS International Student Program. We currently have twelve students from countries such as China, Korea, and Vietnam enrolled, enriching the cultural diversity at Cole Valley Christian. Host families get the privilege and joy of welcoming these students into their homes. Many students have returned to their own countries compelled to tell others about the Jesus they met while at CVCS.

This year, CVCS added Mrs. Shanshan He as our new ELL teacher to support these students' educational journeys. Mrs. He brings an impressive resume of experience to enhance our international students' CVCS experience.

To learn more about hosting an international student or to tell others about this vibrant ministry, visit ColeValleyChristian.org / About CVCS / International Program.



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COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

CHARGER *View*

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Thankful for the Past, Confident in the Future



As I write this article, the reality of it being my last in this capacity at Cole Valley Christian is at the forefront of my mind. This is a journey for me that started in the fall of 1995 when I heard through the grapevine that Valley Christian was looking for a JV boys' basketball coach. It has been a journey of significant growth as God has used incredible people in my life through this ministry to encourage, sharpen, exhort, and challenge me in my walk with Him. While Cole Valley Christian has grown significantly in every way during that time, I feel that I have grown more.

I want to express, with the deepest gratitude that words can convey, my thankfulness for the incredible opportunity that God has given me to be a part of Cole Valley Christian Schools. God has blessed me tremendously with the opportunity to know and be part of the lives of so many wonderful people. Incredible, dedicated co-laborers, parents, people in the community, and most of all, our students. It was the students who God used the most to call me into this ministry, and it is the students who make it most difficult for me as God calls me out. To all of the students and alumni who might be reading this article, I love you all. Thank you for the incredible joy you have given me in watching you grow and develop. I would be remiss if I didn't remind you one last time that you are loved beyond anything you can imagine by the creator of the universe. Because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross, and through His conquering death through resurrection, there is nothing that separates those who believe in Jesus from His incredible love, no matter what you may have done.

As for the future, I am absolutely confident that God is on the throne of this school, just as He is on the throne of the universe. And if we can approach the throne of grace of the God of the universe with confidence as it says in Hebrews 4:16, then we can also be confident in approaching that same God on the throne of our little school. Cole Valley Christian Schools is a healthy and vibrant ministry with a great school board, incredible people whom God has called to disciple students, and a very bright future of continuing to pour into the lives of students in preparing them for their own journey with the Lord. Change, while sometimes painful, can also be very good as God moves people with different gifts in and out of ministries for different seasons. I will miss being part of the daily life at CVCS, but I will still be around. I am a Charger for life!

Thank you for an incredible journey.

Brad Carr, Superintendent

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CVCS INVITES YOU TO
BRAD CARR'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION
MONDAY, MAY 21, 7PM
CVCS SECONDARY AUDITORIUM**



The Senior Class of

**COLE VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

*announces its
Commencement Exercises*

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

**BRANDT CENTER
Northwest Nazarene University**



Senior Class of 2018



ELEMENTARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Shelly Crager

Elementary Campus Principal

Every student has a subject for which they have more passion in school than others. For anyone who knows Noah Lockey, they could tell you his is geography!

Noah's mom, Michelle, said, "Since the age of four, Noah has had an intense interest and passion around learning all he could about geography." He was excited when he learned that students in the fourth through eighth grades could participate in the National Geographic Bee. After winning the school geography bee at the Elementary Campus, Noah went on to take an online test to qualify for participation in the state bee. He scored in the top seventy-five percent, which alone was a huge accomplishment, as very few fourth graders even pass the online test.

Out of the seventy-five students participating, Noah was one of only three fourth graders. Noah made it through all the qualifying questions and went on to the tie breaker round, which placed him in the top 20 for the state.

"This was so exciting for him to get to participate in something that he loves so much," stated his mom. God has gifted Noah with a passion and drive for learning about the world He created! We are confident that over the next four years, Noah will not only have many more opportunities to participate in the state geography bee, but has a very good chance of winning

at the state level and participating in the National Geographic Bee in Washington.

Congratulations to Noah on this huge accomplishment and representing Cole Valley Christian Schools!



Congratulations to Julie Morgan, CVCS STEM Coordinator, for being named one of forty "Accomplished Under 40" recipients by the Idaho Business Review! Mrs. Morgan, along with the other honorees, will be recognized at a dinner gala on June 12.

EXCITING NEWS! The Launch of our Preschool Program

Brandy Wingard
Early Childhood
Program Director



CVCS is expanding their Early Childhood Program to include a full Preschool program for 3/4 year olds in addition to their Pre-K program for 4/5 year olds. A new Early Childhood Center will be built this summer to allow us to serve even more children through this vibrant program that ministers to our community. Both programs will use CVCS' unique academic recipe that brilliantly combines multi-sensory play with multiple highly effective early childhood curricula to prepare students for a smooth transition into Kindergarten. The biblical foundation that teaches children that God made them, loves them and wants to be their friend forever is so grounding as children learn from the beginning that they have value and were created for a purpose. Let your friends with preschoolers know about this exceptional option for their kids.

Both programs offer morning or full-day, 2-, 3- or 5-day options with optional Extended Care for working families. Pre-K students must be 4 prior to September 1. Learn more about how CVCS accomplishes their mission in the Early Education Program at DiscoverColeValley.com and spread the word about this new education opportunity through Cole Valley Christian Schools.



CHARGERS IMPACTING THEIR WORLD FOR JESUS



Miriam Edes (CVCS class of '17) spent her year traveling to India and the Philippines with *Wipe Every Tear*,

which invites trafficked men and women to come to safety and freedom where they can be educated by Kenny Sacht and his team, and learn more about Jesus' radical love for them. She reports that the Holy Spirit has been coming down and touching many of the girls in their care. Many have become radical worshipers and lovers of Jesus. They have also seen some healed of HIV. She confessed, "So often at home, we don't expect or even deny that God loves to heal. Rather, here, people are continually getting healed. We have been experiencing many encounters like this on almost a daily basis." God is moving mightily through this vibrant ministry started by a former CVCS teacher.



Him known in Cambodia and Hong Kong. There her team did various types of ministry, including English teaching, refugee ministry, children's and young adults church services, and building relationships with those they came into contact with. Rachel reported, "It was sweet to get to partner with ministries that are in those places long term, and to get to encourage and pour into what they have been doing long before and far after we were there. To experience Jesus in all of His fullness and to see that He is the same in every corner of the earth, shows that He is not defined by circumstances, and that He is so in favor of His people everywhere. As I continue to experience Jesus in new ways and discover more of His heart for me, I'm continually encouraged to live a life without hesitations for His Kingdom."

Rachel Hengst (CVCS class of '13) spent three months at YWAM Discipleship Training School in Newcastle, Australia, before being sent out for ten weeks to make



Greece while serving at Moria Refugee Camp. Her team then traveled to Lebanon where she taught English class to Syrian refugee children for one month followed by two months teaching adult refugees conversational English and using her marketing degree to build a Salouka Boat Nile River Tourism business alongside an unreached people group in southern Egypt. Throughout the experience, she was overwhelmed by the power of prayer. Deep in the heart of the Middle East, her team never felt fear and God showed them many times that He was responding to their prayers on behalf of the people. Now that she has returned home, Grace wants to pursue ministry to refugees here in Boise.

2013 CVCS alum, Grace Peterson, served with YWAM for six months after graduating college. She did her training in

Togo Aquaponics

Association of Baptists for World Evangelism has two hospitals and a school for blind children in Togo. The pastor of Jerald Touchstone, Secondary Science teacher, recently visited there, and on his return, told Mr. Touchstone and his wife, Katie, about an additional ministry with which he thought they could be of help. There is an aquaponics operation, raising tilapia fish and lots of vegetables, that was built to help feed and support the blind school. It is a big, professional system, designed to raise up to 8000 fish at a time, along with eight raceways of plants growing on the water. Right now, they do not



have anyone running the aquaponics, so the missionaries who are the school administrators have been limping along as best they could. Jerald earned a degree in aquaculture twenty years ago and was able to visit Togo during Spring Break to teach the missionaries how to run the operation better. After a week of consulting, advising, and learning more about the ministry, they reported that it is amazing!

Upcoming Outreach Trips



Please be praying for CVCS Science teacher, Grayson Prettyman, and his team as they return this summer to serve the Ashiya International School in Japan. Mr. Prettyman said, "Last year I worked with the kindergarten class, and this year I'm excited to be the main Bible story teacher for the elementary students! God has really shown me His call in my life for the people of Japan and strengthening those who live in that spiritually dark country."

CVCS Spanish teacher, Miranda Risinger, and several students will travel to Peru this summer with *Cole to the World Outreach Ministries* and Kent Johnson who built many Christian churches in Peru. They will help build a church in the slums, teach Sunday School, and work with a new church plant section of Lima. Please pray for these students as they seek to impact the world for Jesus.





ADVANCEMENT

COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Kyna Ritchie
Advancement Director



As we proceed through Preview Season at both campuses, we are utterly amazed at the volume of new families inquiring about a CVCS education. As God draws families to fill our classrooms, we will, in turn, be able to invest more in our teachers, student programs, and facilities. Our students will have more opportunities and hearts will be changed as God fills our classrooms to their capacity.

In an effort to help interested families discover Cole Valley, we developed DiscoverColeValley.com, loaded with virtual previews, tours, test scores and testimonials from current students, parents, and alumni. Our local radio stations, 89.5 KTSY and 94.1 The Voice, have been incredibly helpful in spreading the good news of CVCS by airing our parent testimonials and interviewing our leadership team. God is faithfully drawing families into our fold to be shepherded and challenged by our faculty. God is moving! We love watching Him work to fill our seats with students to be impacted by God's grace and truth.



Every elementary student will now have a chance to learn piano, thanks to the Christmas Seat Auction. With the installation of the new four classroom Early Education modular at the Elementary Campus, we will be able to offer Preschool in addition to Pre-K starting the biblical foundation even earlier for our families. Please pray for a full preschool class as we start this new program.

Watching God provide both financially and through the Superintendent search has been an awe-inspiring process. God has been faithful to provide just what we needed through generous partners of CVCS. We know He will call someone He uniquely gifted and prepared for our school's future needs. He began preparing hearts before we even knew the need existed, and we know He will continue to do so. Our faith has grown as we have waited on His provision.



Tuition Aid to the Rescue

As you know, many families desire a CVCS education for their children and make sacrifices to make that dream possible. However, without the help of generous people who contribute to our Tuition Aid fund, many of those students would miss out on the biblical foundation and wisdom gained in their studies at CVCS. The gap that is filled by Tuition Aid has eternal significance and produces grateful students who want to impact the world for Jesus.

Your gift of any amount to our Tuition Aid fund will help fill our seats with students' hearts to be transformed by God for His Kingdom work. Donate online at ColeValleyChristian.org and designate your gift to Tuition Aid. (All Tuition Aid disbursements are evaluated by a third party based on need.)



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.



SECONDARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Kim DeMain
Secondary Campus Principal

When I first heard about CliftonStrengths™ being used by Connie Risser at our Idaho Learning Center Academy, I was hesitant about using a new approach on my campus as not all trends in teaching turn out to be sound practices. However, as I noticed that Connie was loving the journey of taking her staff and students through the process, I became intrigued.

Intrigue led to investigation, which turned into trials, training, and more trials. Then it spread across our leadership team spanning all three campuses. As we recognized the great value in embracing and fostering the strengths God built into each of us, we partnered with one of our school parents, Dallis Fontenot (a certified Strengths Coach), to assess the strengths of our entire staff through this tool. We learned not only our strengths, but how to collaborate more effectively.

We have barely scratched the surface, but it is easy to see how powerful and encouraging the journey is going to be – I'm loving it. My top five are Self-Assurance, Developer, Achiever, Intellection and Learner. We have started using this tool with some of our students including all of our freshman and some juniors and seniors. These students have begun investigating their top five strengths and have accessed tools like their **Strengths Insight Report** and **Action Planning Guide**. This information not only helps



our students understand and value their uniqueness, but it also helps teachers and staff better understand how each student learns. The results are going to help us build individualized plans for each student – how exciting!

I love uncovering how we are wired because it aligns so beautifully with Scripture:

*For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*
Psalm 139: 13-14 (ESV)

Anything truthful cannot be separated from the Author of Truth, even if the humans involved do not give Him credit. No wonder discovering the strengths built into each person is such a satisfying discussion – any teaching or discovery that acknowledges Truth, even unintentionally, will endure. May He be glorified.

Research tells us that children learn best when they are emotionally and physically healthy, have a strong relational network, and have a hopeful outlook on life (Center for the Study of Social Policy, 2018). At Cole Valley Christian we strive to address these various factors in a child's life that impact their learning, and ultimately, their spiritual growth as well.

Emotions have the potential to enhance or impede the learning process and working memory. If a child comes to school emotionally distracted or distressed, they will be unable to learn what is being taught. Knowing our students means being in tune with what is going on in their lives outside of school and how they are being impacted emotionally. Only then can we intervene in a way that improves their learning outcomes.

We agree with the premise that strong relationships with trusted adults are critical to a child's growth and development. At Cole Valley Christian, we have the unique opportunity to build relationships with students beyond the classroom through an intentional focus on discipleship. As we invest in the lives of our students, the Lord works through us to minister to their hearts and helps ground them in His grace and truth. When students know they are known and loved for who they are, they grow.

Finally, and most importantly, it is our mission every day to increase hope within our students by constantly pointing them to the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. In a world where hope is waning at an alarming rate, we have the privilege of helping students find life, healing, meaning, and purpose through the only perfectly faithful Friend they will ever know – Jesus.

As we look forward to the 2018-19 school year and beyond, we will continue to rely on the Holy Spirit as we strive to develop our students in every aspect of their lives. We have exciting things in store! Future plans include a deeper application of the Strengths Finder concepts among both staff and students, a greater focus on developing resilience in students, and the implementation of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. We will be offering parent seminars in these areas in the future as well.

We consider it pure joy to partner with you in developing healthy, connected, and hopeful students who will make a profound difference in our world. Tune in to ColeValleyChristian.org/StudentLife/ParentSeminars to learn more.

Emotional Health

Kristin Overton
Director of Counseling





CHARGER ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Richard Taylor,
Band & Color Guard

Wes Simmonds,
Choir & Drama

The second semester has been a busy time for the Arts. The instrumental music department has gone out to share the light of Christ in a variety of forms and venues to live out Luke 11:33, “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.” Through pep band, solo/small ensemble concert, District III Solo Festival and Grandparents’ Day, our band and string ensemble impressed. As one of the few schools who march in parades, we gave the Meridian post office their own private parade sharing patriotic and encouraging music in honor of the city’s “Do the Right” day.

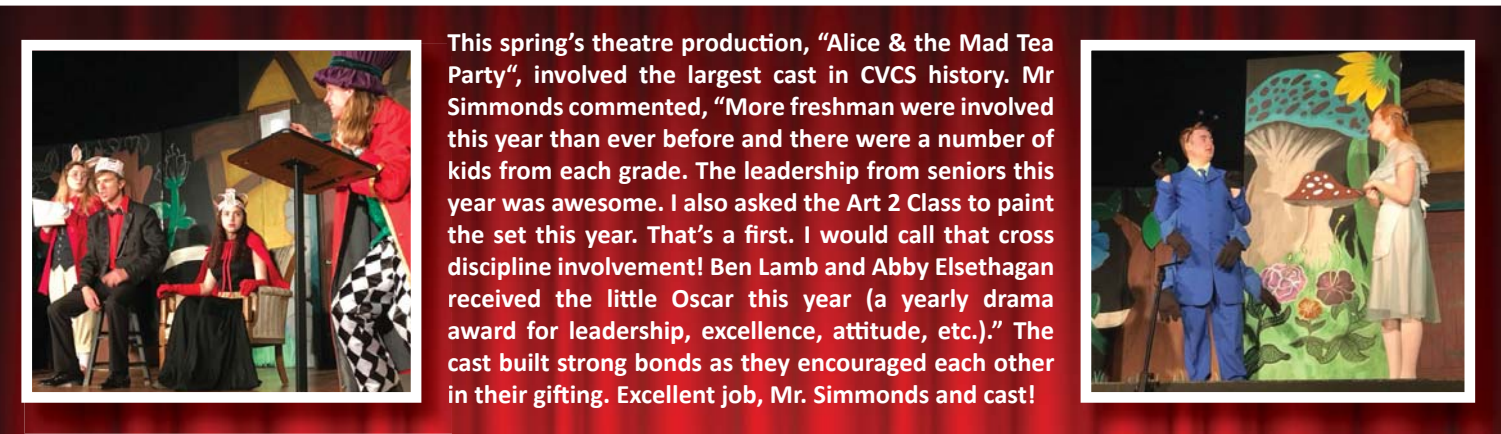


Congratulations to the CVCS choir for bringing home the 1st place trophy from the ACSI Northwest Choir Festival!



The members of the Winterguard presented a show titled “Cinderella” that dealt with how short and valuable a father’s time is with his daughter, deeply touching their audience by their message as they performed at Fruitland High School, at Capital High School, and at CVCS.

We would like to connect with students interested in instrumental music or colorguard. We will be holding clinics and camps over the summer for the students. Please contact Mr. Taylor at rtaylor@cvcsonline.org for further information or to let us know of your student’s interest.



This spring’s theatre production, “Alice & the Mad Tea Party”, involved the largest cast in CVCS history. Mr Simmonds commented, “More freshman were involved this year than ever before and there were a number of kids from each grade. The leadership from seniors this year was awesome. I also asked the Art 2 Class to paint the set this year. That’s a first. I would call that cross discipline involvement! Ben Lamb and Abby Elsethagan received the little Oscar this year (a yearly drama award for leadership, excellence, attitude, etc.)” The cast built strong bonds as they encouraged each other in their gifting. Excellent job, Mr. Simmonds and cast!



CHARGER VISUAL ARTS SHOW

Thank you to the parents and teachers who have grown the excitement about the arts at CVCS over the past 3 years and who have encouraged our students to discover and develop the gifts God has given them! The Charger Visual Arts Show had more entries than ever this year and the quality was exceptional. Our hallways at the Elementary Campus overflow with creativity and many secondary students from outside the arts classes submitted exceptional pieces for judging. If you would like to learn more about supporting Charger Arts, visit the art page at ColeValleyChristian.org.



CHARGER ATHLETICS

Connor Jackson
Athletic Director



Thank you for the warm welcome I’ve received since stepping into my new role as the Athletic Director. I feel privileged to have received this position at such an exceptional school as CVCS. My desire is to use the talents, passions, and abilities with which the Lord has gifted me for His glory. My philosophy is to infuse God’s Word into athletics and serve all CVCS entities (students, coaches, parents) with a selfless attitude, doing it all with great integrity, humility, and passion.

Basketball season was a great success! The boys’ Varsity team added a district championship to the trophy case while both our boys’ and girls’ teams made it to State. For the boys, it was the first time since 2013. For the girls, it marked the fourth year in a row making it to the State tournament. Both JV squads earned the District Championship title. Our basketball future is bright at CVCS.

Spring sports are in full swing! Our defending state champion **golf** team led by seniors Jack Curran and Keegan Spengler have their eyes set on repeating at State and the coaches have been working hard at the greens to help them achieve this goal. Our **baseball** team has already surpassed their win total of 6 from last season and there is still a full month of games to be played. In the three years since the baseball program started here at CVCS, Coach Nate Hoiosen has done a phenomenal job. He and his coaching staff have also worked



Congratulations to the 8th Grade Girls’ basketball team for four consecutive undefeated seasons in conference!

extremely hard to invest in the baseball field at Storey Park and it’s starting to come together. With the departure of Coach Bobby Sutcliffe, our **softball** program has found another gem in Janelle Richardson. She brings lots of enthusiasm to our program and the girls love her. The team fell one game short of making it to State last year and they’re competing to take that next step this season. Between our high school and junior high **track** teams there are almost 100 students participating. Boys Varsity track won their latest meet and the girls took second at which three school records were broken -- Brennen Donahue in the 3200m and Brooke Weimer toppled both the 200m and the triple jump school records. We are looking forward to more Charger success at the district and state meets.

I encourage families to come out and root on our spring teams. The players and coaches appreciate the support they receive from their CVCS peers and families. I want everyone to know that the Chargers have the most passionate and supportive fans in the Treasure Valley!

Thank you all for your devotion to Cole Valley Christian athletics! May we continue to honor our Lord on and off the field.



FOOTBALL OUTREACH

By Marcos Moreno, Varsity Football Offensive Coordinator

It was a proud coaching moment watching my boys at Cole Valley Christian put on a football camp for Friday Night Flag Adaptive. Watching them love on the kids and learn the importance of giving back to the community was special and one of the reasons I love coaching.

Junior Francisco Castro commented, “Having this little football camp has showed me that you can achieve anything you set your mind to. These kids are pushing themselves and it was a blast to teach them the game I love.”

