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As my first school year quickly approaches its final weeks, I am filled with gratitude. What an amazing group of staff, students and families we have here at Cole Valley Christian Schools. Today, two things stand out: First, our Junior High retreat might have been the highlight of my year at Cole Valley Christian. Watching our juniors and seniors lead our Junior High students through a life-changing retreat in McCall this March was incredible. The testimonies

that were shared made an impact on so many students. To hear high school students say that leading the Junior High retreat was their best high school memory was more than validating. Helping students discover there is joy in serving God is a privilege. (See "Junior High Retreat Recap" on YouTube)

Second, I am still in awe of what God did at the Cole Valley Legacy Gala. The event brought in over \$200,000. This money directly impacts academic, athletic and creative arts programs of Cole Valley. I said the night of the event that I believed we were doing kingdom work. I believe that today. God is working at Cole Valley. Come join Him here and be part of the legacy.

It is my great honor and pleasure to serve you,

Justin Jordan
Superintendent



The Senior Class of

**COLE VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

*announces its
Commencement Exercises*

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON
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THREE O'CLOCK**

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ELEMENTARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Shelly Crager

Elementary Campus Principal

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

CVCS Fifth Grade Student Wins the State Geography Bee!

Do you know which Asian island is shared by three countries? Noah Lockey, a current CVCS student does. In fact, that was the winning question that gave him the title of state geography bee winner! In May, Noah will be representing the state of Idaho in the National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C. After winning our school's geography bee, Noah had to pass a qualifying test to move on to the state competition. In total, there were 2.5 million students that participated in the National Geography Bee this year.

At the state competition, there were 69 fourth–eighth grade students competing. Noah received a \$1,000 prize, a medal and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Geography Bee competition. The national



competition is a four-day event consisting of 54 state champ participants (including DC and some of the US territories). When asked what advice he would have for those who want to learn more about geography, Noah said: "Go to places. Study places. Find new places on the map." Studying places on a map is how he knew the answer to the winning question which is: Borneo! CVCS is committed to continuing to strive to provide opportunities for each student to succeed and find their individual areas of giftedness so they can be used by the Lord to impact His kingdom. Please join us in congratulating Noah Lockey on his huge success!

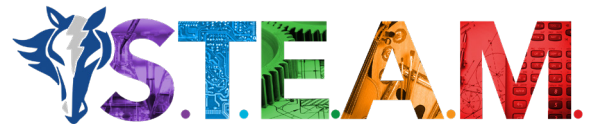


Julie Morgan

Elementary STEAM Director

Brandt Outdoor STEAM Lab

Through a generous grant from the Brandt Foundation, our Elementary Campus is adding an outdoor STEAM lab. Hands-on exploration in God's natural environment will continue to build a passion in all our students for STEAM. A large stream model, massive adjustable ramps, sound pipes, a composting structure, and a unique sundial will surround our students as we make sense of God's creation. Located next to our recently planted pollinator garden, (thank you, Feed a Bee!), students will have a blast creating, exploring, solving, and building solutions. We'll make full use of this area in Fall of 2019.



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SECONDARY CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Kim DeMain

Secondary Campus Principal

Springtime means the race to the school year's end is almost complete and activities are abundant on the Secondary Campus. Our Bible department just hosted this year's two-day Bible conference entitled "He Is Worthy." Our students left their backpacks at home and learned from great outside keynote and breakout presenters on topics such as God Is Worthy of Our Creativity, Our Work, and Our Families. Keynote speakers included Nick Duffel, Dr. Derek Voorhees, and Wendy Atkinson. There were also fantastic breakout sessions on topics surrounding creativity and work. We wrapped things up with an all-school BBQ which led into our Secondary Campus Spring Olympics.

Our departments are maximizing every minute and students are excelling in incredible ways:

- Our ninth grade Early American History classes saw our historical roots on their trip to Washington, D.C.
- The English department showed their versatility by using March Madness brackets to engage all students while incorporating best practice. English students made teams and harnessed their skills in grammar, reading, writing and silly human tricks to earn points for their teams.



- The Biblical Leadership class built benches and standing planter boxes. Then, the class delivered the benches and planters to neighbors around the school, along with notes of encouragement, in an effort to create something beautiful in order to love and bless others in the name of Jesus.
- Students are using their science and math skills to compete this spring in robotics competitions. We have a student on a team representing Idaho and the US at the FIRST Championship in Houston this spring. Another two students programmed and built a robot that competed and advanced to the Bowl-Bot competition in Arizona. Our Advanced Robotics class competed as a rookie team and placed 7th out of 31 teams in their qualifying round. Robots, experiments and even dissections (the approved kind) are happening all over campus.
- We have many students who competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) regional competition in the following areas: advanced accounting, legal office procedures, java programming, SQL database, small business management, desktop publishing, and PC troubleshooting. Two of our students qualified to compete at the national competition!

God continues to transform hearts and minds by His redeeming love, grace and mercy – all for His glory! We are grateful for His redemptive work and His transformation of our students – they are His workmanship!

FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS
FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT
WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM. EPHESIANS 2:10



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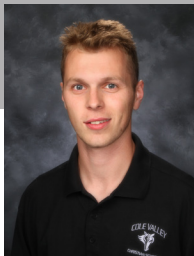
DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Smith

Junior High Assistant Principal

We are excited to launch a program for academically and intellectually gifted (AIG) students for this upcoming school year. According to the National Association for Gifted Students, AIG students are "those who demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude (defined as exceptional ability to reason and learn) or competence (documented performance or achievement in top 10% or rarer) in one or more domains." AIG students need appropriate differentiation to help them reach their fullest potential. They

do not simply need more work; they need different learning experiences. In an effort to expand our differentiated learning opportunities for these students, we will be offering AIG language arts and math classes for 5th-8th grade students. They will be taught by teachers who are passionate about specifically meeting the needs of AIG students and who have been trained and credentialed in using best practices. These classes will then feed into our high school honors and AP classes. If you would like more information about the AIG admittance process or program details, please visit our website. This expansion of our AIG services will help us as we strive to meet our mission of challenging each student to achieve their fullest potential. (Source: www.nagc.org)



CHARGER ATHLETICS
Connor Jackson
Athletic Director



The end of the school year sure sneaks up on you quickly. As I wrap up what will be my first full school year as the Athletic Director at Cole Valley Christian, I could not be more grateful. From the students and their parents to the staff members and coaches – it's a privilege to be able to be a part of the CVCS community.

Winter/Spring Sports Highlights:

- Varsity Boys Basketball led by six seniors won the District Championship for the second year in a row
- Ricky Golenor was awarded Co-Conference Player of the Year
- Girls Basketball completed the most successful season in program history: 3rd place at the State Tournament
- At the time of this writing, the Baseball team is ranked #1 in the state for 2A
- Baseball & Softball both added JV programs

Two additional highlights stand out from this season. During the Boys Basketball State lunch, an older gentleman told our coaching staff that he had been watching our boys and was impressed and encouraged with their conduct. They were a great representation of CVCS. The scriptures have a lot to say (2 Cor. 8:21, 1 Tim. 3:7, Romans 12:17) on having right behavior when they are around others, especially unbelievers, and our boys exemplified that.

The second highlight is one reason that I love sports so much. Watching a student athlete deal with failure, work their tail off, and see the fruits of their labor is as rewarding as it gets. Last year, David DeMain went out to play on the golf team for the first time. He was shooting around 120. Over the summer, he practiced every day and in the first tournament this spring he shot an 88. Way to go, David! That is amazing growth.

Finally, I'd like to thank a few families for their generous donations to Charger Athletics over the past few months. Tom Bobrowski set up the cage in the upper gym for our baseball and softball teams. The Sage family donated new Cross Country uniforms and the new Track tent. There are others who have been very kind to our programs and the athletes are greatly benefitting. Charger Blue was able to purchase every item on the coaches wish list with the funds they raised this year through their efforts. They will be developing the plan for an all-sports booster club to be launched this fall to grow even more excellence in our athletics. It's a great time to be a Charger!

Don't forget to sign your student athletes up for Sports Summer Camps on our school's website and download our REPu sports app on your phones to get the latest news on all our teams.



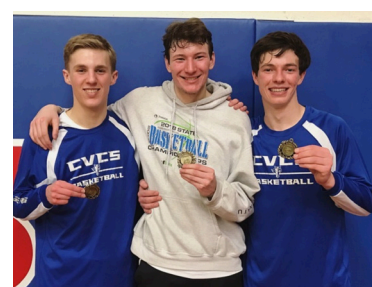
5th Grade AAU Champs



Boys Varsity District Champs



Girls Basketball earned 3rd at State



Ricky Golenor (pictured middle), Co-Conference Player of the Year.

MORE CHARGER SUCCESS STORIES



Football went further in playoffs than ever before

The Girls Cross Country team finished 3rd at State.



*Congratulations to coach **Lisa Johnston** for being awarded the 2A Cross Country Coach of the Year for both boys and girls teams and congratulations to **Connor Jackson** for being named the 2A Athletic Director of the Year. Both are well deserved awards!*





CHARGER ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Richard Taylor
Band and Colorguard

Wes Simmonds
Choir and Drama

Be Careful What You Wish For...

If I had to pick a theme for this year's musical, that would be it. I have loved musicals ever since I was a kid, and now I finally have the opportunity to direct my first one. What's more, I get to direct one of my favorite musicals of all time, "Into the Woods." That tagline might make one wary, but when you think about the relevance of such a statement, it is easy to see how powerful and informative "Into the Woods" can be. As the story opens we see some well-known characters such as Cinderella, Jack, Rapunzel, and Prince Charming who are all wishing for something to change in their lives. As the adventure plays out, the characters overcome obstacles and learn lessons from their trials. But it is not until the second act that the main theme of this story truly hits home. Just as the characters are about to have their happy ending, a catastrophic event sets in motion a series of difficult, sad, and true-to-life circumstances. These events shape the characters and prepare them to live in the world as it really is, rather than believing they live in a fairytale where their actions have no consequences.

Although this may not sound like the most fun or entertaining show to perform, what I have loved the most about it is discussing these themes with high school students who are preparing to step out into the world on their own.

As a Christian, I have found these themes to be beautifully challenging. As a kid, I loved Disney and have always enjoyed a good story with a happy ending. So much of our entertainment today is shaped by this line of thinking. Eventually, it seeps into our daily lives and too often we have the expectation that if we are good enough Christians, God will bless us and give us our happy ending. Sadly, this is not always the case, for the world is broken and tainted by sin.

This is exactly why I love this musical so much. The woods are a metaphor for a dark and scary world, and "Into the Woods" is a story that reminds me of the reason why God sent the most beautiful gift of all, his Son, Christ the Redeemer. If the world were perfect and we all received our happy ending here, there would be no need for Christ. However, the world is fallen and was broken by man. Because of God's unfathomable grace, those who receive Him will live out the happiest ending there ever could be. We receive the promise of salvation and eternity with the Lord.



WINTER GUARD

This season's show was all about turning to God to help get through the struggles and storms we all face in life. It was about searching for hope and finding it in the Lord.



CHOIR

*The high school choir participated in the 2019 ACSI Northwest choral Festival along with 10 other Christian schools in the region. This is a competition event, and this year, Junior, **Hannah Metzger**, took home the first-place trophy out of more than 40 competitors in the solo performance category!*



CHARGER Visual Arts Show

The Art Show moved to join STEAM night at the Elementary Campus.





Advancement Department

Kyna Ritchie

Advancement Director

Gaining Momentum, Growing the Legacy

As I write, this I am surrounded by reminders of the most successful gala in the history of our school. God blew our minds with what He did through the generous attendees He drew to the sold out, energetic, and fun event. The team who helped pull off the event invested all their talents and meaningful friendships were built. But it was the passionate generosity that came from the guests so committed to growing the legacy of Cole Valley Christian Schools that really brought us to tears.

The excitement over how students are growing through our school and the vision for CVCS' future is infectious. People see the fruit and want to partner where God is moving. 362 Charger fans pushed JUMP in downtown Boise past its capacity to net over \$200,000 to grow excellence at Cole Valley Christian Schools. The 2020 Legacy Gala will be April 17th and is bound to sell out once again. Please make plans to join us.

We are currently strategizing for All-Sports and All-Arts Booster Clubs to be launched next school year. We have passionate parent boards brainstorming how to structure the booster clubs to include mentor opportunities, enrichment experiences, and membership levels in a way that can provide the funds to enhance opportunities and elevate all sports and the arts. It will be unbelievable what we can provide for our students as we all come together to grow excellence in these areas.

We are thrilled to announce that Charger Blue Athletics was able to purchase every single item on the coaches' wish lists due to the success of the Golf Scramble & Sports Auction as well as the gym and field signs, concessions, and other sponsorships they facilitate throughout the year. Our 2019 Golf Scramble will be in September—stay tuned for details! The unique format of our scramble, where golfers get to interact with our athletes at games throughout the course, makes for a memorable experience that sells out FAST! Gather your foursome early and make plans to join us for the fun.

We could not be more excited about what God is doing in students' hearts throughout our school. That is why we are doing everything in our capacity to grow the excellence of CVCS that will draw even more hearts into our educational community.



All Sports



All Arts



The Legacy Gala

Peer Ministry: Growing a Heart to Serve Others

CVCS 5th and 6th graders can apply to serve as a part of Peer Ministry. The elementary leadership team's mission is based on "Go and do likewise" from the example of the Good Samaritan in Luke chapter 10. Peer Ministry meets Wednesdays at lunch to grow a heart for service and plan opportunities to help others as a team. Throughout the year, the Peer Ministry reads to the preschoolers, helps with preschoolers before school, they lead chapel skits, man booths at the school carnival, help with campus clean up and games at recess. They host the Green Eggs and Ham breakfast and Grandparent's Day coffee house. Following this year's Grandparents Day, the students reported they discovered that serving others is actually fun! Peer Ministry supports Cole Valley Christian Schools mission to shepherd and challenge students to reach their full potentially socially where students discover that God is doing big things in the world and wants them to use their time, talents and treasure to impact His eternal goals.



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

CHARGERS MAKING AN IMPACT

CVCS Students Travel to Kenya:



This April, a group of students from CVCS served in Kenya. Upon arriving home, **Hannah Metzger** shared this: *"I learned so much about myself, God's marvelous character, and His intricate beauty that overflows the earth. My life was changed during this trip by incredible and joyful people, most in heartbreaking situations. However, I know they are not forgotten or overlooked. I felt God in an intimate way I've never felt before, loved and was loved purely and unconditionally by the sweetest and most gentle children I've ever met, and was pushed farther than I thought I would ever be pushed."*



Chargers Philippines Basketball Outreach this June:



This summer, Coach Brennan Koch and several basketball players will head to the Philippines to host a day camp for children from the slums. They will take kids out into the country to play and teach them about Jesus. The camp will be followed up with a basketball tournament in the city where our players are the coaches of the local teens. They will partner with the Dingongs ministry to continue the relationships they have built over the past dozen years.



CVCS Alumni Beautifies Boise One House at a Time.

If you watch HGTV's *Boise Boys*, you might see some of your fellow Chargers. **Hailey Dudley, Jess Richards, and Caleb Ritchie** have been working on Timber & Love's crew on the 13-episode season that airs on HGTV Wednesdays this spring. The girls tackle the landscape while Caleb works with the production and construction crews. Working to complete 13 house remodels since August has been a race against the clock. But having a crew and the stars of the show, Clint Robertson and Luke Caldwell, love Jesus makes it a great group to journey with.

Pray for our Alumni serving Jesus throughout the world. **Kali Kavila** and **Parker Veeck** are on a YWAM Discipleship Training School in Australia, Spain and Morocco. **Paige Langley** is journeying through many countries on *The World Race*. Pray God will teach them more about Himself and lead them as they love others for Jesus.

Hey Alumni!

Do you have a cool story about what God has been doing in your life since graduation and would like to share it on the Chargers Making an Impact page? Let us know! Email Kyna Ritchie at kritchier@cvcsonline.org.



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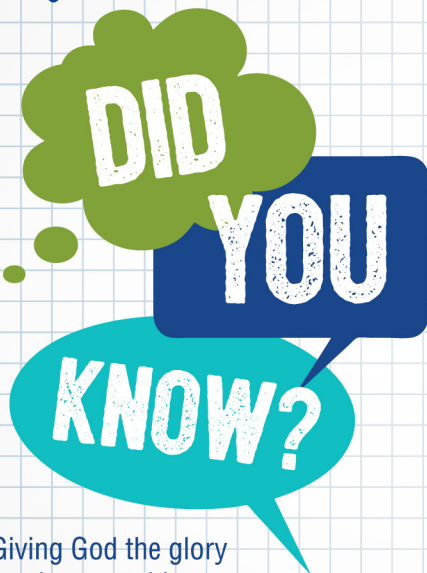
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CVCS PURPOSE

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, Emotionally; 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

Sending off the Seniors

The class of 2019 is just about to walk down the aisle at the Brandt Center. Cole Valley is graduating 64 seniors this year. It has been such a blessing for me to get to work with all these great kids.

As of the print date, we are sending 80% of these graduates off to either a two or four-year college to study everything from auto mechanics to biochemistry and everything in between. This group will be teaching the next generation, as well as ministering to them.

A total of \$3.4 million in scholarships have been offered to this group of hard-working seniors. That's a lot of money! Two of our graduates earned over \$300,000 each in scholarship offers. This group reminds us that diligence and hard work pay off in the end. Class of 2019, we honor your hard work and perseverance!

Sara Wall
Academic Advisor