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CVCS FAMILY & FRIENDS,

We are thrilled to welcome you back to Cumberland Valley Christian School for another exciting year of learning and growth! As we embark on this new academic journey together, we are filled with anticipation for the exciting opportunities and experiences that await us.

CVCS is a place where students are encouraged to pursue Christ, develop critical thinking skills, and become lifelong learners. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can reach their full potential.

This year our goal is to continue to enhance the Christian educational experience for all students and to foster a strong sense of community within our school.

We believe that a strong partnership among home, church and school is essential for student success. We encourage you to stay involved and connected to CVCS.

We are confident that this year will be filled with joy, accomplishment, and lasting memories. Together, we will create a positive and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive.

Welcome back, and let's make this a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Mike Sanders
President
Cumberland Valley Christian School



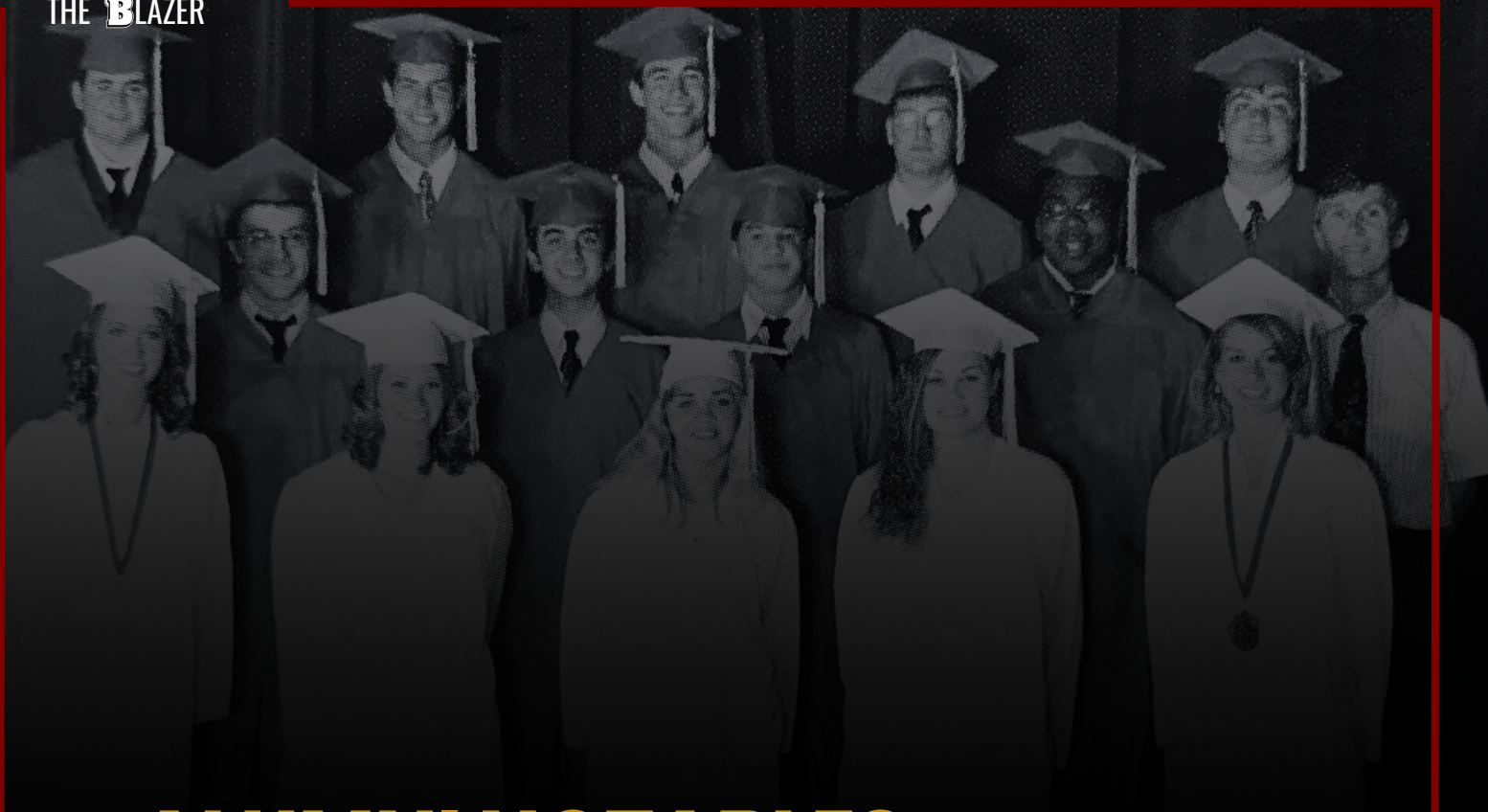
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17TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

CVCS hosted our 17th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, September 6th at Eagles Crossing Golf Club in Carlisle, PA. We filled the golf course with 30 teams, 120 golfers, and 45 sponsors who benefited the Carl G. McKee Scholarship Fund. This fund helps families in our community be able to afford tuition at CVCS so that we can provide their children a quality education with a spiritual foundation. Our major sponsor was Shively Motors. Bryan Burkholder, a CVCS alumni and General Manager/Vice President of Shively Motors, offered a Jeep Compass to anyone who could get a hole-in-one on the very difficult par 3, hole #7. While no one was quite able to accomplish this difficult feat, we still had an incredible day and were blessed with beautiful weather. CVCS would like to thank Shively Motors and all of our sponsors and players for their continued support of this event. We look forward to another successful tournament next year!



ALUMNI NOTABLES

- **Niki Schussler** (Class of 2021) was named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Wilson College. Niki is a senior majoring in Finance.
- **Steffi Yeh** (Class of 2021) is enrolled in the University at Buffalo Honors College for the 2024-25 academic year. "The Honors College is made up of students who are intellectually ambitious and interested in pushing themselves and others to maximize their undergraduate experiences," Honors College Academic Director Patrick McDevitt said.
- **Dhriti Rathod** (Class of 2023) was named to the New York Institute of Technology Presidential Honor List for the Spring 2024 semester. Dhriti is majoring in Chemistry.

Have an accomplishment you want to announce? Dean's List, College Graduation, Marriage, New Job, Job Promotion, Something Notable? We want to know. If you have an accomplishment you'd like to announce, send it to tmiller@cvcslazers.com, and we will include it in our Alumni Corner.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY

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**CVCS Opens Under
the Leadership of
Dr. Dino Pedrone**



**Celebrating
10 Years**



**CVCS Receives
Accreditation**



**Pastor Keith
Skelton Joins
as President
of CVCS**



**K4 Classroom
is Added**



School Fire



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**Memorial Bard
Building Completed**



**Family Life Center
Completed**



First Graduation



Gym Floor Upgraded



**CVCS Staff at the 20
Year Anniversary**



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**The Science Lab &
Home Ec Renovations
Completed**



**CVCS Introduces
Virtual Education Program**



**Mrs. Amy Garvin
Joins as CVCS
Principal**



**Elementary Extension
Phase 1 Completed**



**Soccer Field
is Renovated**



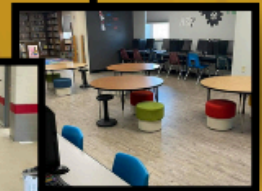
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**Pastor Mike Sanders Joins
as President of CVCS**



**Elementary Hallway
& Computer Lab
Renovated**



**Elementary Extension
Phase 2 Completed**



**Mr. Carl McKee
Retires After 43 Years**



**CVCS Celebrates
25 Years**



**CVCS Celebrates
50 Years**

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SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Spiritual Emphasis Week is a time at CVCS when students are challenged to commit to their faith.

This year's SEW was held Sept. 16-20, and students were tasked with answering this poignant question: "What is your legacy?" The theme of legacy is especially significant with CVCS holding its 50th Anniversary Celebration this year.

Each day was divided into three sessions: K3 through second grade, third through sixth grade, and seventh through twelfth grade. The speakers tailored their messages to the appropriate age groups.

Five speakers shared the podium during the week.

- On Monday, Bible teacher Eli Torres used the example of Moses and how he left a legacy for the nation of Israel.
- On Tuesday, Carl McKee spoke to the students, reminiscing on the time he spent as principal. Mr. McKee was principal at CVCS for 43 years, and he was happy to note that more than 1,000 students have graduated from the school.
- On Wednesday, middle school English teacher Corey Collins shared his testimony about obstacles he had to overcome both as a child and adult and how some traumatic events have shaped his life.
- On Thursday, former student and current Math teacher Kent Lundy talked about his time at CVCS and told students, "You are making a legacy right now," encouraging them to practice accountability.
- On Friday, former student and current Physical Education teacher Logan Carey talked passionately to students about committing to the cause of Christ.



SPORTS UPDATE

The CVCS varsity sports teams are hoping to make a push to do damage in the conference tournaments in October.

In soccer, the Blazers are one of four teams with a chance to win the tournament. At publication time, the Blazers were 3-1 in the Mason Dixon Christian Conference. They seem to be on a level playing field with the other three contenders – Faith, Calvary and Grace.

In volleyball, the Blazers have a young team, and they also could make the conference Final Four. Grace Academy appears to be the class of the league, but the Blazers should finish among the league's top four teams. At publication time, they were 3-3 in the league.

The Blazer middle school teams also hope to make some noise in the league tournament. They will be on display during the 50th Anniversary celebration as CVCS hosts the MDCC middle school tournament on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12.





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GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023