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STEAM SHOWCASE

More than 450 people attended CVCS's STEAM Showcase on the evening of Feb. 28.

The STEAM Showcase is an annual event that highlights students' work and illustrates programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics and how those diverse fields relate to everyday life.

This year's theme was Mad Scientist. More than 15 stations were showcased, including slime making, an oculus, 3-D printer, Sphero painting, a glow germ experiment, marble mazes, State Police, Cumberland Valley School of music, building atom models and various crafts.

The evening also included the Book Fair, a scavenger hunt, a photo booth, and experiments in the science lab.



ALUMNI NOTABLES

- **Caleb Eckert** (Class of 2021) wrapped up a superb college basketball career at Penn State Mont Alto. Caleb wound up with 1,270 points (fourth all time at Mont Alto) in 116 games. He added 684 rebounds, 101 blocked shots (first all time) and is the only player to have more than 100 blocks and 100 steals in a career. He was first-team All-American in 2023, 2024 and 2025, Academic All-American in 2023, and all-PSUAC conference in 2023 through 2025. His Mont Alto teams had an overall record of 92-28, won four division championships and one conference tournament championship, and made four national tournament appearances, including reaching the Final Four this year. Academically, Caleb made Dean's List in 2023 and 2024, and his current GPA is 3.5. He will graduate in May with Bachelor of Science degrees in Business and Project and Supply Chain Management.
- **Dhriti Rathod** (Class of 2023) made Dean's List again in the fall term New York Institute of Technology. Dhriti is applying to medical school and plans to graduate next year with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Physics.

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.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

CVCS students came away with four first places, including a Best in Show, at the Cairn University Fine Arts Festival in March.

Seventh-grader **Adelyn Ramsey** earned Best of Show for middle school and first place in Assembled Art for her “Cats” collage. She will receive a plaque when it is engraved. Eighth-grader **Leah Ritchey** won first place in Narrative and Storytelling with her acrylic painting “Once for All Time.” Eighth-grader **Kaylee Miller** took first place in the Craft category with her crochet yarn “Snowman.” Seventh grader **Trinity Kramer** earned first place in the Abstract category with her watercolor “Winter Deep.”

Eleven CVCS students from seventh through 11th grades submitted artwork from the following categories: painting, acrylic and watercolor; collage; epoxy resin jewelry; metal tooling; self-portrait in pencil with shading; crocheting; and oil pastel.

“One of the professors at the college led a critique of our students’ artwork,” CVCS Art teacher Lisa Fisler said. “He discussed composition and strengths that the students’ artwork displayed. Students were encouraged to participate in the discussion. We did two workshops - acrylic painting of a starry night and shrink plastic jewelry. Some of our students made earrings and others made keychain charms.”



Adelyn Ramsey's "Cats"



Leah Ritchey's
"Once for All Time"



Kaylee Miller's
"Snowman"



Trinity Kramer's
"Winter Deep"

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Pastor Appreciation Day is a memorable event at CVCS as students invite their pastors to share in this special day.

This year, the event was held on March 14, and a total of 57 guests attended.

Pastors were treated to a breakfast and enjoyed fellowship before the program. The 45-minute program featured special music by elementary classes and the high school choir, individual instrumental solos by students, and a poetry reading by a student. Individual students were also called on to pray for the pastors and their ministries, and pastors were presented with a gift as a token of appreciation.

At the end of the program, students separated into groups and joined their pastors for a time of prayer.



A black and white portrait of Ren and Nancy Lundy. Ren is on the left, wearing a dark sweater with a light-colored horizontal stripe. Nancy is on the right, wearing a light-colored turtleneck. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Honoring Ren & Nancy Lundy

**Celebrating Over 90 Combined Years
of Faithful Service at CVCS**

At Cumberland Valley Christian School, we are deeply grateful for the faithful service and ministry of Ren and Nancy Lundy, who together have dedicated more than 90 years to Christian education within our school community.

Nancy Lundy – 50 Years of Planting Seeds in Young Hearts

Nancy Lundy's journey to CVCS began with a simple part-time job during her senior year of college, where a divine appointment led her to hear about a new Christian school. That conversation, she says, was the beginning of a lifelong calling. Nancy began teaching kindergarten, later spending time in first and third grades, but eventually returned to her true love—teaching the youngest learners. For decades, she has joyfully introduced children to the wonders of reading and the truths of Scripture.

"I love teaching children to read and watching their progress from September to May," Nancy shared. "But most of all, I cherish teaching Bible. Seeing them learn that Jesus died for them and hearing them express a desire to accept Him—those are sacred moments."

Over the years, Nancy has touched countless lives, both in the classroom and through meaningful experiences like field trips to Stoner's Farm, a special place that ties back to her own farm upbringing. Her commitment extends beyond academics—she nurtures hearts and souls for eternity.

Ren Lundy – 47 Years of Dedication and Discipleship

For Ren Lundy, teaching at CVCS has been more than a job—it's been a ministry, a mission, and a blessing. Across 47 years, he has taught subjects ranging from physics to calculus, always bringing clarity, consistency, and care to the classroom.

"Sometimes students ask, 'When will I ever use this?'" Ren laughed. "I tell them it's not just about the math—it's about learning discipline and doing something well."

A respected leader, Ren is known for his steady presence, sense of humor, and deep commitment to both his students and the school. In addition to teaching, he served as a choir director, and accompanied students on senior trips to destinations like Florida, Tennessee, and Atlanta—experiences that created lasting memories and bonds. Seeing students succeed—especially in college and ministry—has been one of his greatest joys. Both of his sons graduated from CVCS, attended Christian colleges, and now serve in full-time ministry.

"I hope I've added some stability to the school and been a good example of faithfulness," Ren said. "God has been good, and it's all gone by way too fast."

A Lasting Legacy

Ren and Nancy Lundy embody what it means to serve faithfully and wholeheartedly. Their dedication, wisdom, and love have left an indelible mark on the lives of students, families, and colleagues alike.

As a school, we honor and thank them for their unwavering commitment to Christian education and for the legacy they continue to build every day.

SPORTS UPDATE

CVCS athletic teams wrapped up one season and then quickly stepped into the next one.

The varsity boys and girls basketball teams each won two of three games at the National Christian Schools Athletic Association tournament at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio.

It was a nice wrap-up to a season that included a fourth-place finish in the Mason Dixon Christian Conference tournament by the girls team. The boys lost a tough one to Faith in the first round of the MDCC tournament.

Once the teams returned from Ohio, it was time for baseball and girls soccer. At publication time, the baseball team was on a two-game winning streak after starting the season with losses against three tough opponents.

The soccer team looks to be a solid contender for the MDCC championship. After five games, the girls had posted a 4-1 record.



HOMIE COURT'

A D V A N T A G E

Exciting developments have already taken shape as part of the Home Court Advantage campaign. The stage has been fully gutted, the bleachers removed, and the old carpet ripped out—laying the groundwork for a complete transformation of the space. These initial steps mark just the beginning of a renovation that will breathe new life into the gym, making it a true centerpiece for the CVCS community.

Why This Project Matters

The gym is more than just a physical space—it's where character is built, friendships are forged, and community is strengthened. A renovated gymnasium will:

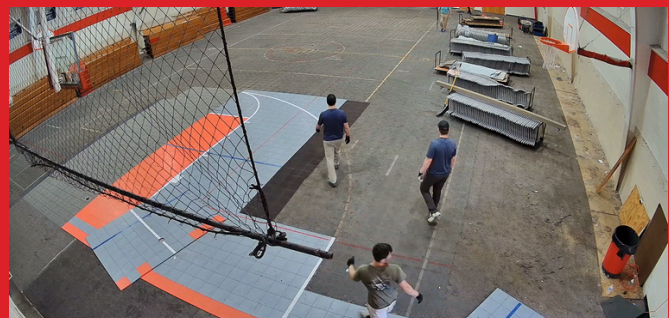
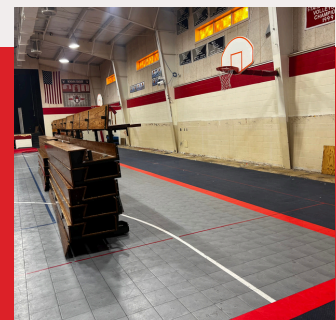
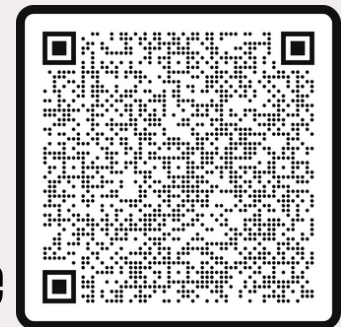
- Provide a safe and modern environment for student-athletes to train and compete
- Offer a more comfortable and engaging atmosphere for fans, families, and guests
- Enhance the overall school experience and serve as a point of pride for alumni and supporters

Join the Momentum

CVCS is inviting families, alumni, and community members to be part of the transformation. Every contribution to the Home Court Advantage campaign helps build a brighter future for the students of today and tomorrow. Together, we can ensure that the gym continues to serve as a foundation for excellence, teamwork, and Blazer pride for years to come.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, please visit www.cvcsblazers.com or call our Development Office at 717-264-3266 ext. 143.

Scan to learn more about Home Court Advantage





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END OF YEAR PROGRAMS

K4 Program May 22nd, Noon

K5 Graduation May 23rd, 7pm

6th Grade Graduation May 29th, 7pm

High School Commencement May 30th, 7pm

Last Day of School May 30th

