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## Pastor Appreciation Day

Pastor Appreciation Day took place on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, with more than 50 pastors and guests in attendance. This is a special day each year in which the CVGS student body invites their pastors to a morning designed to honor and thank them for all they do.

Pastors were treated to a breakfast and enjoyed fellowship and worship before the program. The program featured special music by elementary classes and the high school choir, instrumental solos, Scripture recitation, and student-led prayer for pastors and their ministries. Pastors were also presented with a gift as a token of appreciation.

To close out the morning, students separated into groups and joined their pastors in a time of prayer.

CVGS appreciates pastors and all they do, not only for their congregations, but for our community.





# STEAM Showcase

More than 300 people attended the annual CVCS STEAM Showcase on the evening of March 27.

The Showcase featured more than 30 stations. Some of those stations included making lava lamps, holding snakes, trying out science experiments, and building marshmallow towers. Also featured were oculi, a 3-D printer, Osmo games, and demonstrations by Mr. Kent Lundy. There were special visits from Tristate Astronomers, the State Police, Franklin Fire Station, Camp Penn, and Cumberland Valley School of Music.

Teachers Tia Sugden, Kent Lundy, Capulet Williams, Jackie Shank, Makayla Zahora and Sierra Lehman helped plan the event. CVCS teachers and aides, as well as some students, then helped to prepare the stations and run them during the evening.

“It was truly a group effort!” Mrs. Lehman said. “It’s always a fun event for our families, and I thought this year went very well.”



## Sports Update

The highlight of the CVGS sports season so far has been the Mason Dixon Christian Conference championship earned by the Blazer girls basketball team.

The Blazers, coached by Elston Teal, defeated Faith Christian 43-23 in the semifinals and Broadfording Christian 36-28 in the championship game to win their first league title since 2008.

"Our defense was phenomenal in both playoff games. To hold Broadfording to seven points in the first half is an amazing accomplishment," Blazer assistant coach Brad Coccagna said. "We stressed defense all season long, and every player fully bought into it."

Additionally, sophomore Addison Teal cracked the 1,000-point career scoring barrier in a season-ending game against the Frederick Warriors. Teal was also the MDCC Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player in the championship tournament.

In spring sports, the Blazer girls soccer team is off to an impressive start with a 6-1 overall record at the time of publication. The Blazers sit atop the MDCC with a 4-0 league record.

The Blazer baseball team captured a 10-0 victory over Calvary in its season opener. The Blazers, with a slew of young and first-time players, lost their next few games but are hoping for improvement as the season progresses.







## Alumni Update

**Dhriti Rathod** (Class of 2023) was named to the Fall 2025 Presidential Honor List at New York Institute of Technology. Dhriti has made the Honor List in each of the five semesters she has attended the school.

*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@cvcsblazers.com](mailto:tmiller@cvcsblazers.com), and we will include it in our Alumni Corner.*

## Fine Arts Festival & Math Olympics

Two CVCS students took home a first-place award in the Art competition at Cairn University's Fine Arts Festival on March 10.

Seventh-grader Isaiah Louis earned a blue ribbon in the Middle School Craft category with his creation "Blue Dress." Eighth-grader Arielle Galicia claimed first place in the Middle School Narrative and Storytelling with her "Set Apart" painting.

Also, the middle school choir students participated in the festival and earned a "good" ranking. "I am so proud of their hard work and dedication," said choir director Lilly Poe.

In another competition apart from the festival, two CVCS students advanced to the second round of the International Math Olympics. Eighth-grader Emma Antony and sixth-grader Carter Theis finished among the top 30% in computation to make it to the next round.

The following students placed in the top 50%: Sita Desai, third grade, computation; Ella Theis, fourth grade, reasoning; Hazel Slifka, fifth grade, reasoning; Logan Cox, sixth grade, computation; and Arielle Galicia, eighth grade, computation.



## Home Court Advantage Update

Cumberland Valley Christian School is excited to share a major progress update on our Home Court Advantage campaign, and the transformation of our gymnasium is well underway!

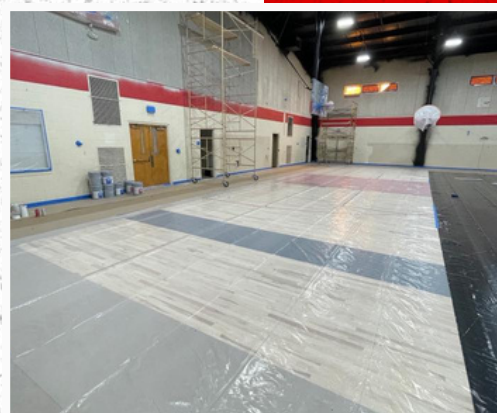
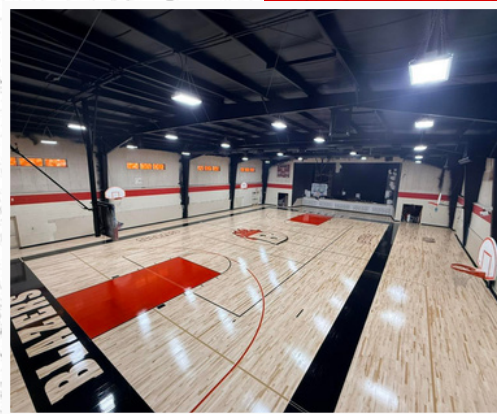
Over the past several weeks, we've seen incredible momentum. The ceiling has been freshly painted, giving the space a more modern feel. A brand-new HVAC system has been installed, ensuring a comfortable environment for athletes, students, and spectators year-round. The basketball hoops have been adjusted to meet optimal play standards, and most notably, a beautiful new hardwood floor is now in place, completely redefining the look and energy of the gym.

While these upgrades mark significant milestones, there is still important work to be done. Painting of the gym walls is currently in progress, and entrance thresholds will soon be installed to complete key finishing touches.

As we look ahead, we are focused on the next phase of improvements that will fully bring the Home Court Advantage vision to life. We are actively seeking support to fund new bleachers, six additional hoops, updated team bench seating, a modern scorer's table, and two new scoreboards. These enhancements will not only elevate the game-day experience but also create a space that better serves our students, families, and the broader community.

This project is more than a renovation, it's an investment in our students, our programs, and our future. We are grateful for the support that has brought us this far and invite you to be part of what comes next.

Together, we are building something special, one that will impact CVCS for years to come.



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## END OF YEAR PROGRAMS

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon K4 End of Year Program

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm K5 Graduation

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm High School Commencement

Last Day of School May 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM Dismissal