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A GREAT START TO THE YEAR

MRS. AMY GARVIN, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Our 23-24 school year started officially on August 22nd with the soccer and volleyball teams starting a few weeks prior to get ready for their seasons. During the summer break, we were able to complete facility upgrades including new flooring in room 1, new windows in rooms 3 and 8, an addition of staff and handicap restrooms, finishing the cafeteria, and a complete renovation of the old science classroom being transferred into our Home Economics classroom. This transformation included new ceiling, lights, flooring, cabinets, and kitchen appliances. We are thankful for all those who have helped along the way with these upgrades.

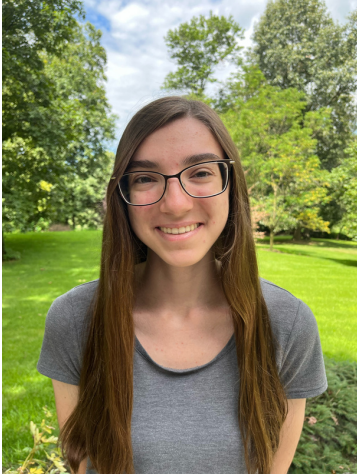
We have been blessed with a high enrollment this school year. Most of our classrooms are full to capacity and we are grateful for each of our returning families and the new families that have joined us for the 23-24 year. At the beginning of September, we had our Spiritual Emphasis Week with all students in K3-12th. Our theme this school year is “He has done great things.” Mr. Logan Carey, one of our middle school teachers, challenged our students each day, and focused on our school theme and Psalms 126: 3, “The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad.” It was a great week for our student body and faculty.

We have begun to prepare for our Grandparents Day on October 27. Our students are excited to share with their grandparents all the exciting things they are learning and doing in their classrooms. This is always a highly anticipated day for our students and grandparents.

We are looking forward to the fall months and the fun activities, field trips, and holiday breaks that come with them. When you are in the area, stop by to see our upgrades and say hello!

ALUMNI LETTER

LAURA BURKHOLDER



My name is Laura Burkholder, and I graduated from CVCS in 2021! I attended CVCS since second grade and made all my closest friends there. I now attend Liberty University with a major in business administration and two minors in accounting and theology. I am heading into my senior year at Liberty and will graduate this spring. As someone who has experienced all my education in a Christian environment, I would like to share some things I appreciate about Christian education.

Christian education is expensive, which I am understanding better now that I am paying for some of it myself in college, but it is also incredibly valuable. Choosing a school is so much more than choosing an education; it is choosing an environment for growth and development. Looking back on my life, I am so thankful for my parents choosing a Christian environment for me to grow up in. Building a strong foundation in Christ while you are young prepares and equips you to face the world when you are older. We all face “the real world” eventually, and I believe it is important to establish your beliefs and values during your developmental years so you are not so easily ensnared by the temptations of the world later. I am also very appreciative of the friends I made at CVCS. Many people I’ve met in college talk about how hard it can be having friends who are unbelievers and can be stumbling blocks in their pursuit of a God-honoring life. I am so thankful that my friends spiritually build me up and provide positive accountability. I have found that friendship bonded by the things that really matter in this life produce good fruit. I am incredibly appreciative of CVCS and Liberty University for providing me with a Christian education and a Christian environment for learning, growth, and friendship.



GOLF CLASSIC 2023

On Friday, September 8th, CVCS hosted their 17th Annual Golf Classic at Eagles Crossing Golf Club in Carlisle, PA. Each year, this golf tournament aims to raise money toward the Carl G. McKee scholarship fund, which helps families in the community be able to afford a quality Christian education. For 17 years, CVCS has been blessed with participants and donors in this event, and this year was able to host 31 teams, 124 golfers, over 50 sponsors, and raised over \$22,000! The major sponsor of the tournament, Shively Motors of Shippensburg and Chambersburg, offered a Jeep Compass on hole #7 for anyone who was

able to get a hole-in-one. While no one was quite able to get it in the cup off the tee box, fun was had by all and participants were able to end their day with a steak dinner sponsored by News Talk 103.7. CVCS would like to thank all who participated, sponsored, and volunteered for this event. Providing the best education with a spiritual foundation is not always easy, but is made possible through the unwavering support of our community, and having successful events, such as the golf tournament, helps in a huge way. We are already looking forward to next year!





SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

CVCS holds Spiritual Emphasis Week each September to remind students that their relationship with Jesus Christ is of the utmost importance. This year's SEW was held from Sept. 11-15.

Chapels were held each day in three groups: Kindergarten through second grade, third through sixth grade, and middle school-high school.

Logan Carey, high school teacher, was the speaker. He challenged students with a stirring message each day. For example, on the first day, he used examples to show students that they are wonderfully created in the image of God.

"Spiritual Emphasis Week was an amazing week," Mr. Carey said. "I think looking at the great things the Lord has done in the Bible, how they are still relevant to us today, and why we should have joy in knowing how much God cares for us are all important for today's teens to know. I believe that the students received God's word well and took the opportunity to look at just how great He truly is."



SPORTS UPDATE

CVCS sports teams are hopeful of advancing in their postseason tournaments. The boys soccer team is off to a strong start with a 9-2-1 record at the time of publication. The Mason Dixon Christian Conference race to the championship is wide open, with any of the Blazers, Grace, Shalom, Calvary or Faith capable of winning the title. The Blazers will also compete again in the postseason NACA Tournament in Tennessee.

The girls volleyball team is young but has turned in some good performances, finishing third in the McConnellsburg tournament and taking a game in that tournament against James Buchanan. At publication time, the team had a 4-8 record.

The middle school teams are hoping to make some noise in their MDCC playoffs. The soccer team was in second place in the league at the time of publication.



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