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Letter from the Principal



Every school year brings something new. Exciting moments, unexpected challenges, successes to celebrate, and lessons learned along the way. Through all of it, our goal remains the same: to provide our students with a strong education while helping them grow in their relationship with the Lord and in the character He desires for their lives.

One of the things I desire most for CVCS is that learning does not have to be separated from our worldview. Whether a student is sitting in a classroom, competing on an athletic field, participating in an activity, or simply talking with a friend in the hallway, there are opportunities to learn, grow, and make choices that honor God. We want our students to understand not only what they are learning, but also why it matters and how they can use what they have been given to serve others.

I am grateful to the teachers and staff who come to school each day ready to invest in our students. Teaching is more than a job. It requires patience, preparation, consistency, and genuine concern for young people. We have the very best examples of these folks.

I am also thankful for our parents. You have entrusted us with something incredibly important, and we do not take that responsibility lightly. A strong partnership among parents, the school, and the church can make a tremendous difference in a young person's life. We appreciate your prayers, your support, and the many ways you encourage your children and our school.

My own education has played an important role in shaping my view of Christian education. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree from Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Florida, and later earned my master's degree in Ministry. This experience has given me a lasting appreciation for the value of education and for the importance of preparing students with a Biblical worldview.

It’s an exciting year in several ways. Our new staff are already acclimating to the CVCS tradition, and our facilities have received quite an upgrade with our new gym and flooring throughout the high school and lunch areas.

During Spiritual Emphasis week, both the elementary and high school student bodies really came alive, and it was awesome to see students and staff singing and praying for one another. What an amazing privilege to be there and be a part of that. I’d like to say thank you for allowing me to be part of the Cumberland Valley Christian School family. It is an honor to serve our students, support our families, and work alongside such dedicated faculty and staff.

For His sake and His Glory,

Aaron Clark
School Principal



Golf Classic

Cumberland Valley Christian School hosted our 19th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, September 4th, at Eagles Crossing Golf Club.

Clear blue skies welcomed a record-setting 136 golfers to the Golf Classic, and while the temperatures raised higher, donated Italian ice from Rita's Italian Ice in Chambersburg offered a cool and tasty reprieve.

In addition to Rita's, an incredible 49 businesses sponsored the event. Shively Motors was our major sponsor and offered many prizes to anyone who could achieve a hole-in-one at any of the par 3s. Our breakfast sponsor, Hope Worth Having, provided donuts and coffee in the morning,

and our lunch sponsor, News Talk 103.7, provided a steak dinner to our participants. A huge thank you to each of our sponsors!

Each year, proceeds from the Golf Classic benefit the Carl G. McKee Scholarship Fund. This fund financially assists 70% of our CVCS families with tuition costs. Through this year's event, we were able to raise over $22,000.

CVCS would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all who participated and volunteered. Your generosity and willingness to participate made this a successful event and helped us continue to fulfill our mission of providing a quality education with a spiritual foundation.











Spiritual Emphasis Week

In the final high school session of Spiritual Emphasis Week, Pastor Adrian Black posed this poignant question to students: “Do you believe the gospel and if you do, are you doing everything you can to share the gospel?”

Spiritual Emphasis Week was held the week of Sept. 14-18. Pastor Black spoke to the elementary chapel sessions all week, captivating them with a series of object lessons as he emphasized his theme: “From Noah to the Cross.”



He was also one of five speakers who addressed the high school students. Staff members Paul Lundy, Corey Collins, Kent Lundy and Eli Torres also demonstrated the power of the gospel to students through their messages.

On Monday, Paul Lundy encouraged students through his use of Ecclesiastes 9:10. He urged students, “Don’t settle for average; don't just want to be OK. Fan those flames for excellence.”

He added, “If you are skating by, God knows and you know. … Pursue excellence and it will open the door to greatness.”

On Tuesday, Corey Collins asked students this: “What do you do when hard times come up?”

He encouraged students to have confidence in Christ and persevere, using Romans 5 as his background.

“It’s easy to be a Christian when things are going good but what about when things get difficult?” he said. “Develop perseverance. God puts us in trials because sometimes we need torn down. He is building our character.”

On Wednesday, Kent Lundy used 2 Peter 1 to frame his message. He told students, “Once you are saved, you need to grow. Salvation is just a start, the foundation.”

He used the analogy of walking on a treadmill for exercise. “I hate walking on a treadmill,” he said. “When you’re walking on a treadmill, you stay where you are. And if you stop walking, you go backward. Satan always wants to drag you backward.”



On Thursday, Eli Torres talked about trusting God’s plan, selecting Proverbs 3: 5-6 as his backdrop.

“All of us have put trust in something that has collapsed,” he said. “Proverbs 3: 5-6 tells us to trust God. Faith wrongly placed always fails. When you put your trust in Jesus Christ, there is no failing.”

He gave students this final warning: “People tell you to follow your heart, but following your heart is the worst advice anyone can give you because your heart is longing to sin.”

And then on Friday, Pastor Black wrapped it up by using 1 Corinthians 15. He Illustrated how sin infiltrates by using an object lesson in which he put sardines into a milk shake, basically ruining it.

Debunking claims of those who would doubt Jesus’ divinity, he said, “Real people saw Jesus die, and real people saw him come back from the dead. It is not a made-up story. It’s a historical fact.”













Sports Update

One of the highlights of Blazer 2026-27 sports is the opening of the renovated gymnasium.

Teams began practicing in the gym in August, leading up to the first game played on the new floor Aug. 25 against Broadfording.

The middle school and high school volleyball teams have played several games on the new floor. The teams are battling for position in the upcoming Mason Dixon Christian Conference tournament.









In soccer, the varsity team was playing at a .500 level at the time of publication. The middle school team was surpassing expectations with several clutch victories. The team has a chance at the league championship if it can reach the MDCC "final four."





Spirit Week Snapshots

















Alumni Corner

- **Morgan Ward** (Class of 2025) was named to the Millersville University Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. Morgan is a sophomore majoring in Secondary Education. To be eligible, a student must earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher.
- **Dhriti Rathod** (Class of 2023) was named to the Spring 2026 Presidential Honor List at New York Institute of Technology. Dhriti is majoring in Chemistry with 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@cvcsblazers.com, and we will include it in our Alumni Corner.







Gym Renovations: Major Upgrades in Progress

We are thrilled to share the latest progress on our gym renovation! Our team has been hard at work transforming the space to create a safer, brighter, and more comfortable environment for everyone. Here is a look at what's currently underway and coming together:

FLOORS - PAINT - CEILINGS

Brand-New Hardwood Flooring: We stripped back the old flooring and installed fresh, high-grade wood floors designed for superior traction, durability, and shock absorption.

Fresh Paint & Ceiling Upgrades: The walls received a crisp, modern coat of paint, and the ceiling was refreshed to open up the room and give the entire facility a bright, high-energy look.

CLIMATE CONTROL - SAFETY

Dual HVAC Installation: Climate control was a top priority! We've installed two brand-new, high-efficiency HVAC units to keep the air fresh, cool, and well-ventilated during high-intensity workouts—no matter the temperature outside.

Enhanced Wall Safety Padding: To ensure maximum safety during athletic activities and training sessions, heavy-duty protective padding is being fitted along the key wall sections.

We are entering the final stretches of this transformation and can't wait for you to experience the upgraded space. Thank you for your patience and support while we build a better place for our CVCS students!

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