



In this newsletter you will find:

Pastor Appreciation Day, Service Projects, History Day, and more!

Pastor Appreciation Day

On Friday, March 15th, CVCS hosted 52 local pastors and church leaders on campus for our annual Pastors Day event. The event started with a time of breakfast and fellowship amongst those who attended. Shortly after, our students made their way into the gym as they presented a special program for our guests. The program featured many of our elementary classes singing a song, students using their gifts and talents playing an instrument, poem reading, and the high school choir with a high-energy performance. The best part of the event was when all of our students were able to spread out across the gym and pray with their pastor and thank them for the impact they have. Thank you to all the pastors who attended and for the impact they have on our students and our community!



Exciting Opportunity for CVCS Alumnus

In the novel *The Great Gatsby*, Gatsby's gangster boss asks Nick Carraway if he knows about Oxford University, and Nick replies in his characteristic understated wit, "I've heard of it."

Many people have indeed heard about Oxford University, but relatively few have earned the opportunity to study there. One of the fortunate is Eva Burkholder (CVCS Class of 2023), who will spend a month this summer studying at one of the world's most prestigious universities.

Eva was selected to study at Oxford through Liberty University's LU Send program and CCCU GlobalEd. According to its website, CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges & Universities) is a higher education association of more than 185 Christian institutions around the world and is "a collection of faith-integrated, off-campus study programs that foster intellectual, cultural, vocational, and spiritual growth."

The program runs from June 14 to July 13, and the classes Eva hopes to take are Psychology and Literature along with Art and Criticism in the Nineteenth Century. She said the program also may include field trips to various parts of England.

"I am extremely excited to have this opportunity," said Eva, who was salutatorian of her graduating class. "Actually, I first learned about this program over a year ago, so I have been thinking about it for some time. I consider studying abroad, in general, very exciting, the prospect of studying at the University of Oxford even more so."

Eva finished her studies at CVCS with 48 college credits, and she is majoring in Business/Economics at Liberty. In order to get into the CCCU GlobalEd program, she had to undergo an application process that she said required "answering many questions, an essay, and both character and faculty references."



Alumni Notables

- Olivia Russell, valedictorian of the Class of 2020, was accepted into a graduate program at The Colorado School of Mines. It is a four-year Masters/PhD combination, and Olivia received a fellowship that pays for everything - including a stipend for living expenses. She will be working under a female professor/researcher who is an expert in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering.
- Blaine Minnier (Class of 2021) was the leading scorer for the DeSales University rugby team. Blaine scored 12 tries (the rugby equivalent of touchdowns) in three tournaments and made 10 conversion kicks.
- Chih Hsuan “Steffi” Yeh (Class of 2021) was named to the University at Buffalo's fall 2023 dean's list. To qualify for dean’s list, full-time undergraduate students must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while completing a minimum of 15 credit hours.
- Dhriti Rathod (Class of 2023) was named to the Fall 2023 Presidential Honor List at New York Institute of Technology. To qualify for the Presidential Honor List, a student must achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3.7 and complete at least 12 credit hours. 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.



October 10-13, 2024

Class reunions by decades

Soccer, volleyball, and basketball games

Ox roast & chili cook-off

Face painting, games, Kona Ice, bouncy house,
and more!

History Day

“Turning Points in History” was the theme for CVCS History Day, which was held Feb. 9.

Students were given the option of writing a research paper, creating a website, doing a performance, filming a documentary, or presenting a story board project.

History teacher Seth Macaluso, coordinator of the event, said that a couple of projects stood out to him.

“Keelan Redding and Mason Anderson did a good job on a documentary about the evolution of castles,” Macaluso said. “Emma Gardner did a thorough and well-researched paper on Roe v. Wade and its overturning.”



Sports Update

The CVCS spring sports season got off to a soggy start.

Because of rain and wet fields, the baseball and soccer teams had played only a few games at the time of publication.

The varsity girls soccer team had a 1-2 record, and the baseball team dropped its first two contests.

In the winter season, the girls basketball team finished with a 12-14 record but made the Mason Dixon Christian Conference Final Four. The young team finished fourth in the tournament and went 1-2 in their season-ending Ohio tournament.

In boys basketball, the Blazers finished with a 9-17 record, but they did go 2-1 in the Ohio tournament.

Blanket Drive

As a school-wide project, CVCS came together to collect 300 lap blankets to donate to people in Hospice care, which focuses on a quality of life as people approach the end of life.

Students encouraged friends, families, and their churches to make or purchase blankets over a period of several months. The project was headed by Levi Hassinger, Student Council president, and directed by Mrs. Amanda Carey, Student Council advisor.

“The idea originated from my grandmother who was in Hospice but passed away last October,” Hassinger said. “She was given a prayer blanket when she was put on Hospice, and as her health was declining, I noticed how much she held on to and enjoyed her blanket, even with severe dementia. I wanted to do another big project like the one we had done for the homeless in the past, but I wanted to do something different. That's how I thought of the blanket drive.”

That CVCS collected 300 blankets far surpassed expectations.

“The goal I set in the back of my mind was 100 blankets,” Hassinger said. “I thought that if we received 100, that would great. After hearing that the final count was 300, I was thrilled. It definitely exceeded my expectations. I am beyond thankful for everyone who donated a blanket.”

During a chapel in March, the high school prayed collectively over the blankets “that they would be a blessing and comfort to those who receive them,” Mrs. Carey said.



Service Project & Erosion Lesson

On a little known area of The Open Door Church and Cumberland Valley Christian School property runs a small stream.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the CVCS 8th grade Earth Science class was able to explore and complete some projects around the stream, which they have affectionately named “The Mighty Blazer.” As part of their project, the Earth Science class removed trash and junk that has accumulated over many years. They worked to build an erosion-proof area to keep the stream from overflowing and flooding a lower-lying area. They cleaned up sticks and debris that were blocking and diverting the stream.

As part of the curriculum, the 8th graders have been learning about streams, groundwater, erosion and the water cycle. By heading out into the natural surroundings on our campus, the students were better able to connect what they are learning in class with the world that God has created.



Bob Jones University Math Team

The Bob Jones University Math Team came to CVCS in early March to conduct workshops for math students.

The team put together a two-hour SAT prep workshop for students in 10th through 12th grades. During the workshop, the BJU team centered on reinforcing algebra, geometry and trigonometry concepts. The team also administered a short version of an SAT math test.

The team reported that the practice test showed CVCS students performing in the higher range of the test scores.

The BJU team also conducted two shorter workshops, one for ninth grade and another for seventh-eighth grades.

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Chambersburg, PA
Permit No. 212

