



Cumberland Valley Christian School

N E W S L E T T E R

Why we need Christian Education

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Parents have a God-given responsibility to educate their children. "...bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6 ESV)

Therefore, every parent should not abdicate his and her responsibility by being flippant about whom they will select to partner with them to educate their child. CVCS exists to partner with parents to accomplish this task of educating our children.

Some have questioned whether we really need Christian education. Yet I submit unto you that we need Christian education for the following reasons:

To provide a spiritual foundation

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:10-11 ESV)

The reason our nation is experiencing a moral crisis is that our foundation is being stripped away in every aspect of life. We must once again build into the life of our young people a spiritual foundation. Through the home, church and school we can reinforce that foundation we desire for our children. We can change America one child at a time.

To provide educational excellence

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52 ESV)

Education is all about what we want children to know, how we want them to think, and what kind of people we want them to be. Unfortunately our public schools are failing. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education we have 144 failing schools in Pennsylvania. Not one of these 144 failing schools scored more than 53% proficient in reading and math.

I am sorry, but that is unacceptable for our children. Our children must have access to excellent education that will equip them to excel for God.

To provide a biblical worldview

C.S. Lewis said, "Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil." All education must be value driven, meaning it must be rooted in truth. We want our young people to see the world and events through a biblical lens.

To provide parental partnership

The reason CVCS exists is to offer parents an alternative partner to educate their children by reaffirming the biblical and family values that parents have instilled into the heart of their children. Thank you for that opportunity to be a part of what God is doing in the heart of your children

To provide a safe learning environment

In the 2017 school year, students in Pennsylvania schools endured 7 rapes, 4,514 assaults on students, 1,882 assaults on staff, 839 indecent or aggravated assaults, 2,435 illegal weapon possessions, 1,673 acts of vandalism, 589 terrorist threats, 105 bomb threats, 2,356 thefts, 88 acts of arson, 130 robberies, 123 acts of criminal trespassing, 81 burglaries, 693 cases of reckless endangering, 4 interferences of child custody, 159 indecent exposures, 46 sexual assaults, 6 involuntary sex violation and 7 official riots. Sounds like a war zone more than an educational institution. At CVCS we are committed to a safe learning environment for our students. That includes no bullying!

Fall Sports

Middle School Sports

The Middle School Girls Volleyball team placed fourth in the league and had player development and growth throughout the season. This was shown in the first round of the MDCC playoffs when they pulled off an upset over Grace Christian Academy to reach the MDCC Final Four Playoffs. Our Middle School boys soccer picked right back up where they left off from last season. This experienced team added some young talent, and they worked well together to finish the season as the #2 seed for the MDCC Final Four Playoffs.

Cross Country

Back again this season was our Cross Country team, competing in several different meets and races. Our cross country team showed excitement and continual growth throughout the year. Strong showings by senior Devon Landis and junior Caleb Fisler in the Messiah Falcon 5K placed them 1st and 2nd in their division.

Varsity Volleyball

The Girls Volleyball team started the season looking to improve off a great campaign the previous year and ended up placing 6th overall in the MDCC regular season. However, they did improve consistently throughout the season, and each game they played was a nail-bitter to the end. This consistent improvement finally paid off when the girls went to the NACA tournament in Dayton, TN. In this national tournament, the team placed second in the Division 3 Bracket.



Varsity Boys' Soccer

After the past couple of seasons of steady improvement, this season ended up being one for the history books. With a record of 20-9-2 they ended the season with the most wins in Boys Varsity Soccer program history and had the 4th best season overall in school history.

Led by the play of Sophomore Kenneth Hott (1st-Team MDCC, All-tournament MDCC, and All-Tournament NACA) as well as Seniors A.J. Hetzer and Eric Woo each being named 1st-Team All-MDCC, the team finished 3rd overall in the MDCC and placed 3rd place in the MDCC Playoffs.



Raise Up Giving Day

For the 2017-2018 school year, Cumberland Valley Christian school has an enrollment of 444 students in K3-12th grade. Many of these students are able to attend only because of the generosity of donors who make financial aid available through the scholarship fund. On September 26, we held our annual Raise Up day and asked for help in raising \$7000 on this one big day. Praise the Lord, we were able to raise \$7200 for the scholarship fund from more than 40 donors! Cumberland Valley Christian School wants to thank all of you who participated in this event.

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”

On Friday, Dec. 15th and Sunday, Dec. 17th, the CVCS Players put on the show *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. This funny Christmas tale introduced us to the Bradley family and the struggles Grace Bradley has putting on the Christmas pageant when she is faced with casting the Herdman kids as Mary, Joseph, the 3 Wise Men and the Angel of the Lord. Despite the mayhem that took place once the Herdmans took over, the pageant turned out to be the best one yet. In the end, all 6 of the Herdmans truly understood what and who Christmas was all about...baby Jesus. The director of the play, Mrs. Caffee, said, “The performances were well attended and the cast did an amazing job telling the Christmas story through the eyes of those who knew the Biblical story and the Herdmans who didn't. We pray you were blessed by the performances. Thank you to all who came out.”



CVCS Golf Classic

The 12th Annual CVCS Golf Classic was held on Friday, Sept. 15th at the beautiful Whitetail Golf Resort in Mercersburg. This year we had 88 golfers and more than 40 sponsors participate in the event. Our two main sponsors, Hamilton Hyundai and Shively Motors, both provided two beautiful cars to give away to anyone who had a hole-in-one on hole #6. Unfortunately, no one was able to ace the hole, but we had a great time nonetheless. This particular event raised over \$8,600 for our scholarship fund, which allows students to attend our school at a discounted rate. We would like to thank all of our sponsors who generously gave their money and resources to make this event a success. We look forward to our next tournament on Friday, September 14th, 2018, and we hope to see you there!



Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was held on Friday, Nov. 3rd. On this day we celebrated the impact grandparents have on the lives of CVCS students. Our two music teachers, Summer Rock and Catherine Caffee, put together a great program for students to perform in front of an auditorium packed with grandparents. Afterwards, grandparents could visit classrooms and see what their grandchildren learn on a daily basis. Later, everyone had a choice of three restaurants: Hoss's, Fuddruckers and Pizza Hut, who gave a percentage of the bill back to the CVCS scholarship fund. A huge thank you to our grandparents who support CVCS!



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Year at a Glance

January 22– Teachers in service (school begins at 10:20)

February 2– Pastor Appreciation Day

February 19– Presidents Day (no school)

February 22– Open House (5:00pm -7:30pm)

March 9- Open House (9:00am-2:00pm)

(Dates subject to change)

Annual Fund Giving To Date

