



Teays Valley

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

“Preparing students to become leaders in influencing their world for Christ.”

Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to Our TVCS Newsletter

By Jack Davis, Superintendent

I am grateful to be part of a Christ-centered school that is filled with great kids from great families! Our Newsletter is a collaborative effort between school leaders, teachers, parents, and students. While we live in a day where social media, web sites, and email blasts can be an effective means of communicating, we have come to the conclusion that nothing replaces a good school newsletter! I appreciate all who have contributed to this edition.

As I reflect on this year, many things come to mind. But for the sake of brevity I will mention just one of those things. I appreciate, commend, and esteem our teachers. Each one brings not only expertise in instruction, but they bring love. Their love for God and each of their students is evident...all the time. In a very real sense, nothing is more important than truly loving their students. John 13:35 says “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have



love for one another.” Teachers loving all students, all the time, is Christian education! It is our privilege to have the extended family that is TVCS and I’m looking forward to a strong finish to this awesome school year.

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Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Boone!

On January 1, 2019, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Boone (Boone 2) welcomed their first child into the world. Emma Elizabeth Boone was born 5lbs 9oz and 14 inches long and a bundle of joy. Both baby and mother are doing well! Congratulations to the Boones!



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First Annual TVCS Gala

Our first school Gala was held on Saturday evening, March 9th, right here in our church auditorium. From the comments provided from the 150 plus who attended, it was a great night! The dinner was cooked by our own school cooks, and it was delicious.

The program included parent and student testimonials, special music from current students and alums, a keynote address from Pastor Joshua Gresham (class of 97), and vision casting and challenge from Mr. Davis. Another special part of the program was the inaugural awarding of the "Everitt and Betty Dunbar Major Donor Award" to Mrs. Betty Dunbar. Betty has given to TVCS for many years every month, helping us help kids attend TVCS who could not otherwise be here.

Over \$21,000 was pledged to fund financial aid to families in need.

If you would like to see the event for yourself, you can look it up on Facebook and check it out.

It is our sincere hope that next year our Gala crowd will multiply exponentially! Stay tuned for the date and then save that date!



Bring a Friend Day

The "Bring a Friend" day on March 15 was fun and successful. We had twenty visitors spend the day with us, a few of which enrolled for next year! Thank you to everyone who took the initiative to make the day a great day!

Spring Concert

TVCS hosted their annual Spring Concert on March 28, 2019. Kindergarten, 1st-3rd Grade Choir, 4th-6th Grade Choir, 4th Grade Percussion, 5th Grade Drums, 6th Grade Band, 7th-12th Grade Band, and High School Chorus performed.

The concert featured many soloists, instrumentalists, and percussionists of all ages. This year's spring concert featured many different songs from the past and present. Some songs featured were, "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons, the hit song, "Africa" by the hit 80s band, Toto, and "Around the World in 80 Measures", which featured familiar songs from different locations around the world. The 7th and 8th grade ukulele class played "King of My Heart" by Passion and the classic hymn, "Amazing Grace." All students performed outstandingly and the concert was a great success. Thank you to all who attended!



22nd Annual TVCS Golf Tournament

The 22nd Annual TVCS Golf Tournament was held at the Little Creek Golf Course on Saturday, March 18th. The weather cooperated, and we had a great day of golf.

Through the generosity of our sponsors, a matching corporate gift, and participation of our teams, the event raised a little over \$21,000! Please join me in thanking and supporting these individuals and businesses for their support:

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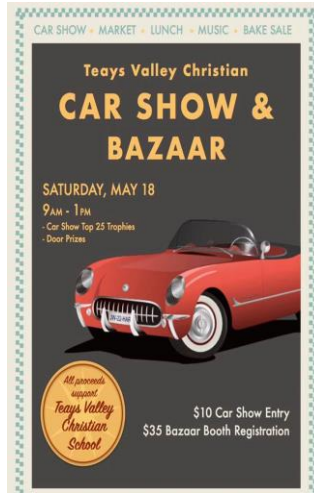
TVCS Car Show, Bazaar, and Rummage Sale

On Saturday, May 18th from 9-1pm we will be having a car show, bazaar, and rummage sale! There will be food, music, a bake sale, and raffles.

Volunteers are needed to run some stations for the car show and bazaar; please contact Mr. Sowards if you are interested.

For the rummage sale, volunteers are needed during the sale and to set up Friday after school. Donations of clothing and household items are appreciated.

Share the event with family and friends!



At the Bazaar (Gym) we currently have these vendors: Pampered Chef, Usborne Books, Avon, Lindsey's Burrow, Color Street, Perfectly Posh, Scentsy, LipSense, Crafts Taylormade, Papparazzi, Thirty-One, Just Sayin', The Happy Hound, Granny's Girly Goodies, Keturah's Jewelry, Lularoe, Snaps To It Jewelry, Handcrafted Jewelry, Katey's Cards & Crafts, MP Designs, and DotDotSmile.

Raffle items have been donated by: Snap Fitness, Appalachian Boarding Company, Taste of Asia, KO Car Wash, Sheetz, Advance, Napa, and O'Reilley's

More to Come!

Academic Day 2019

Academic Day will be held on Friday, April 26th at the Bible Center School located at 1111 Oakhurst Drive Charleston, WV 25314 (**NOT the Church**). Academic Day is sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International's (ACSI) student activities department and is hosted by different accredited schools. Member schools in the state are invited to participate in the event. Some of our students will be participating in the Speech, Music, Art, and Math Competitions. Good Luck to all of our students that are participating!

TVCS will be in session that day, but students who are participating in a live event will be excused for the entire day.

Summer Academic Camps

TVCS will conduct summer week-long academic camps taught by some of our outstanding faculty. Camps will vary in age and will include some of the following courses; Art, Music, ACT Science Prep, ACT Math Prep, Cartooning, Science/Rocks Rock, Science/CSI, Book Club, Social Studies Prep, Cooking, Coding, Exploring the Outdoors, and Audio/Visual.

Classes will only be offered if there is enough interest. Classes will be from 9-11am and will cost \$100. More information will be coming! Stay tuned for an exciting Adventure!

Terra Nova Testing

The week of April 29th-May 2nd is an important week at Teays Valley Christian School. During this time, all of our students, grades kindergarten through eleventh, will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement Test. **It is extremely important that all of our students be present during these days.** The tests are not designed to be administered at a later date to students who are absent during all or part of the testing. Make-up sessions are difficult to administer.

It is also important that each student be prepared mentally, physically, and emotionally for this battery of tests. I am including some testing tips for parents to assist you in preparing your child for his/her best performance. Some tips are; get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, plan ahead to avoid stressful mornings, encourage your child to do his or her best even though the test may be hard, and maintain a normal routine. TVCS has to report our scores to the WV Department of Education each year and we utilize this data to evaluate and make changes in our curriculum and programs.

Terra Nova afternoon activities include the following:

- **Tuesday:** Elementary only: \$2.00 for popcorn and drink. Proceeds benefit art and music. TVCS will collect the money prior to Tuesday.
- **Thursday:** All grades: Kona Ice Truck. Prices vary - \$3.00-\$5.00 depending on sizes.

Last Day of School



May 24

Music Notes

By Mrs. Sutton
Higginbotham



The music department had a very busy and productive year. During basketball season, several students formed their first ever Pep Band and provided music for many of the home basketball games. In addition, the elementary grades performed the "The Star-Spangled Banner" at several of the basketball games. The music department also hosted its annual Christmas Program in December and Spring Concert in March. Both were a great success and well attended!

At the end of April, the 6th Grade Band and 7th-12th Grade band will be performing for a rating at ACSI Academic Day at Bible Center School. The Drama Club, led by Mr. Nathan Boone is also preparing for their Fall production of *Into the Woods Jr.* You do not want to miss either of these events!

Second Grade Studying the Life of Jesus

Second Grade just completed our book study, *Growing Up Where Jesus Lived*. As we journeyed through ancient Israel, we read about what Jesus may have done and experienced as well as what it was like to be a child at this time. The ten-chapter book also included a story about Joshua and his first Passover visit to Jerusalem. The book has given the class a first-hand sense of the time and culture of Israel as the students also practiced comprehension skills. We participated in a cumulative, hands-on experience with the



children dressing in simple costumes and tasting foods from the book and eating them together in the manner and customs described in our reading.

Living Wax Museum

Our 2nd Wax Museum was held on Thursday, March 14, in the gym. There were 72 participants from grades 3-6, dressed in period costumes representing famous people they have studied about in history class. Students researched a person of their choosing, made an informative backdrop to go along with their report, and dressed in costume. A technology component was added to the project by using a QR code connected to a student's first-person account of their life. The Music and Art departments helped create an authentic "museum" feel by serving refreshments. We were happy to share our Wax Museum with the community by inviting Fox Channel 11 to cover our exhibitors.

More photos are available on the Teays Valley Christian School Facebook page.



In the Chapel – Secondary Chapel Program

Grades 7-12 enjoy chapel every Friday morning. Students lead worship, and a teaching is provided by school leaders and guest speakers. Mr. Davis has provided a series on various spiritual disciplines along with lessons associated with "grit." Grit is defined as the combination of passion and perseverance that is essential to the deep Christian life. Fall and spring retreats are also great events that God works through each year.

Senior chapel is coming up on May 14th at 9:00 in the church auditorium, and everyone is invited. The secondary chapel experience is an important part of the spiritual formation of every student, and we are thankful for God's help and presence each week!

Art and Renaissance Fair

In March, the 7th through 9th grade participated in the first Renaissance Fair. Students researched and presented to the general public on a variety of different science and social studies topics related to the Renaissance. Topics ranged from DaVinci's inventions to political influences on the United States and from city geographical profiles to music in the Renaissance. The art students also painted their faces and created backgrounds to represent artwork from Renaissance artists and paraded between the Renaissance Fair and Wax Museum as a living art exhibit. We are proud of all the students who put in hours of research and work to make this first year a success!

More photos are available on the Teays Valley Christian School Facebook page.



Art Corner

by Ms. Jennifer Mata



Our art this year has been really exciting. We have talked about a wide range of topics starting from the very basic art elements and art principles to history of art and the movements. The high school students made a huge collaborative art of a lion as the culminating project under the topic of Pop Art. In the beginning of 2019, we have already started preparing pieces for our art gallery that happened during the school's Gala Night. Our students also tied-up with Bright Future's Sensory run event that happened April 13. We painted rocks and turned it into a sensory path for all the participants to enjoy. To get the students to have a rest on material-heavy projects, we focused on computer graphics for the 3rd nine weeks. The middle school students learned skills using the Microsoft Paint in preparation for Adobe Photoshop and the high school students learned 3D modeling and Interior Design using Sketchup. Our art program is currently entering the Art Festival hosted by the ACSI which is happening on April 26. It was truly a busy, fun-filled and a very productive year for us. I'm truly proud of all my students.

Animal Research and Habitat Dioramas

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades presented their animal habitat dioramas in the commons on Wednesday, April 17.

Kindergarten made shoe box dioramas for their favorite animal. The class wrote one to two sentences about the animal's appearance and their food.

First grade researched different animals. They learned what they looked like, what they ate, and where they lived. Then the children made dioramas of their assigned animal and their habitat.

Second grade is learning about researching and writing a research paper this year. The students worked in groups to research their animals using a variety of sources. They completed their research writing process independently with teacher assistance. Then the students created dioramas about their animal and its habitat.



“Serve to Lead” – Elementary Chapel

It has been a great year in Elementary Chapel! Each week we enjoy our time of prayer, songs, and a message from God's Word. We implemented small group discussions in our K-6 chapels this year, giving the older students a chance to take the lead and set an example for the younger students by participating in mixed age groups for discussion time. It has been great to see students stepping up in this way!

We have explored all aspects of the “Serve to Lead” theme this year – from examples of great servant leaders in the Bible to characteristics of being a servant leader and even practical ways to serve in our classrooms, homes, and communities! During Spiritual Emphasis Week, each class participated in various service projects as we learned about serving not only in our local area, but all around the world as well. We have been blessed to have some wonderful guest speakers, along with the elementary teachers who have also shared lessons.

It has been very encouraging to see the children engage in worship each week and take in God's Word as they listen and participate in activities. Our prayer is that the seeds planted in chapel will continue to be watered in the classroom, at home and church, and that each child will come to a saving relationship through Jesus Christ! “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

Staff Highlight

Mrs. Lynne Coen
by 2nd Grade Class



The second-grade class practiced interviewing skills by brainstorming and voting to select the questions they wanted to ask their teacher. Below are their top five questions and Mrs. Coen's responses.

1. How long have you been a teacher?
18 years
2. What is your husband's name?
Joseph
3. What are your favorite animals?
Dogs and horses
4. What is your favorite dessert?
Chocolate and ice cream
5. How long does it take you to prepare for class each day?
I prepare for class on weekday mornings before school, weekday evenings, and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Campus Wear Amendment

For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, we will be making an addition to the Campus Wear policies by allowing pants to be purchased through other vendors. Pants must continue to be either khaki or navy in color with **no jean, stretchy/legging, cargo, or tight-fitting materials allowed**. You can still order pants through School Closet as this is just an additional option for pants purchasing. All other campus wear items must continue to be purchased through School Closet.

Tuition and SMART529 Plans

Recent changes to federal tax law allow for SMART529 accounts to be used to pay tuition and expenses for children enrolled in K-12 private and religious schools.

- Families with children enrolled in grades K – 12 at private and religious schools are eligible to use SMART529 accounts to pay for school expenses up to \$10,000 annually.
- K – 12 SMART529 distributions can be made from existing or newly opened accounts.
- Qualified K – 12 SMART529 distributions are tax exempt at the federal level.
- Contributions made by Dec. 31st each year can be used to reduce your federal adjusted gross income for West Virginia personal income tax purposes.
- Requesting a SMART529 K – 12 disbursement is easy – go to the web site listed below to get started!

<https://www.wvtreasury.com/Savings-Programs/SMART529>

SchoolStore.com

We would like to thank each individual that has shopped with SchoolStore.com since we began utilizing this program as a TVCS fundraiser in February. In just a few months, TVCS has earned over \$600! Since most of us shop online, you can continue to do something you normally do with TVCS receiving a % of sales from over 400 different merchant choices. There are also different ways for students to accumulate prizes. A SchoolStore information sheet is available in the office with more details.

Lunch Program

Year one of our hot lunch program has been a huge success! Our school cooks are great, the food is healthy and tasty, and more and more kids are ordering every day. Many parents have expressed their love of the program along with students from all grades. TVCS sends a big thank you to our lunch ladies, Bev Mohr and Aaron Shultz, and to Jared Davis, Director of Camp Appalachia, for the use of the Camp kitchen. The program has proven to be financially viable by meeting its own expenses in year one. It is always great when a new and improved program is successful on every level!



Upcoming Events

April 25	Math-A-Thon Free Jeans Day & Extended Recess	May 13	HS Athletic Banquet @6:00
April 26	Academic Day	May 14	MS Athletic Banquet @6:00
April 29-May 2	Terra Nova Testing	May 14	Senior Awards Chapel @9:00
May 3	Prom	May 17	Senior Graduation @8:00
May 3	COSI Field Trip (3 rd)	May 17	Jeans Day (\$1)
May 7	Clay Center Field Trip (K-1 st)	May 21	Kindergarten Graduation @7:00
May 7-9	Senior Trip to DC	May 21	Heritage Farms Field Trip (2 nd)
May 9	Non-traditional instruction day /Teacher training	May 23	Awards Ceremony-Elementary - 1:00 (Commons)
May 9-10	Cincinnati Field Trip (5 th)	May 23	Awards Ceremony-Secondary - 2:00 (Commons)
May 10	Pre-K Meet w/Mrs. McKinney	May 24	Elementary Field Day
		May 24	Last Day for Students

Welcome New High School Students!

We are happy to welcome six High School students who have recently joined TVCS!

Dakota McCormick - 12th Grade

Dakota is a senior, who transferred from Scott, to play baseball. In his free time, he likes to chill in his room. He is a great cook and his best dish is cheese stuffed chicken. His favorite baseball team is the Dodgers. Dakota plans to go to college and study law.



Victor Menino - 11th Grade

Victor is a 18 year old exchange student from Brazil. He has lived in America for 3 months and really likes his host family. His favorite food in America is Wendy's, but he misses his food back home. In the little time Victor has been at the school, he has already found himself participating in track. Outside of school, Victor likes to sleep and play video games. Victor likes the new experience of America, but wants to go back to Brazil to attend college.



Landry Palata - 10th Grade

Landry is a sophomore from Congo, Africa. Landry enjoys traveling and meeting new people. He also likes trying new food and being around different cultures. Landry's hobby is basketball and considers being at this school a big opportunity. He misses his traditional food, but his favorite food here is Chinese food.



Shaumba Joyce - 10th Grade

Shaumba is a sophomore from Congo, Africa. Shaumba likes school and basketball. His dream is to be a professional player. He likes to travel and talk with new people. Although he likes the food in America, his favorite being chicken, he misses his food back home. Shaumba especially likes his host family.



Jerome-Beya Kutekemeny - 9th Grade

Jerome is a Freshman from Congo, Africa. He thinks that America is different and that Americans talk too fast. Jerome misses his food from back home and doesn't have a favorite food from America. His favorite subjects in school are Spanish and Math. His least favorite subject is English. Jerome has been playing basketball for 3 years and hopes to go to college to continue playing.



Tyler Lanham - 9th Grade

Tyler is a freshman from Ripley, West Virginia. His favorite food is Mac & Cheese. His favorite subject in school is math; and his least is English. Tyler has been playing basketball for 4 years and hopes to continue playing on a college level.



Welcome New Elementary Students!

We are happy to welcome three new Elementary students, Anthony, Adrian, and Ryan, to TVCS!

- Anthony is in Kindergarten. His favorites are the following: foods - bread and veggies; sport – basketball; and colors - orange and red.
- Adrian is in 3rd grade. His favorites are the following: foods - green beans, peas, cheeseburgers, and nuggets; sport – baseball; video game - Fortnite, and book - "I Survived Tornado Terror" by Lauren Tarshis.
- Ryan is in 6th grade. His favorites are the following: food – steak; sport – baseball; video game – MLB The Show '19; book – "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney.

Write All About It!

Several of our secondary students participated in a couple of writing contests this fall— West Virginia Young Writers and West Virginia Teens for Life. WV Young Writers allows students to write on any topic and style of prose. Students compete first on the county level before competing on the state level. On the other hand, WV Teens for Life requires students to write about Pro-Life issues. Students wrote their stories/essays in late fall and eagerly awaited the results.

In late January, we received word that Chloe Ferrell won the 9th-10th grade division in Putnam County with her short story "The Colorful Journey." For winning at the county level, she was invited to attend Young Writers Day at the University of Charleston in May. Additionally, her story will compete at the state level.

Around the same time, we were notified that three of our students won top honors in the Junior Division (7th-9th grade) of the Teens for Life contest— Abigail Roberts (1st), Haley Morris (2nd), and Elizabeth Roy (3rd). Each girl won a cash prize, and Abigail had the privilege of reading her essay at the State Capitol during the Pro-Life rally in February.

To each lady, congratulations! To the rest of our student body, keep writing. You never know where it may take you.

Current Sports at TVCS

Middle School
(Grades 6-8, some sports 5th):

- Soccer-Coed
- Volleyball
- Cross Country - Coed
- Basketball - Boys & Girls
- Cheerleading
- Track - Boys & Girls
- Golf - Coed

High School
(Grades 9-12)

- Soccer - Coed
- Volleyball
- Cross Country - Coed
- Basketball - Boys, Girls, & Prep
- Cheerleading
- Track - Boys & Girls
- Baseball



Potential Future Sports

If students are interested and coaches are available, TVCS would consider adding the following sports teams. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Mr. Sowards.

- Tennis
- Softball
- High School Golf

Why Sports?

Athletics play a valuable role in the development and character of students. The goals of our athletic department must be guided by our personal and educational philosophy. Some of those goals are to be Christ-centered and reflect a Christian worldview; to be committed to the total development (spiritual, academic, social, physical, and emotional growth) of the student-athlete; to strive for excellence in the entire athletic program including areas such as leadership, behavior, facilities, and financial support; and to provide an opportunity for the loyalty of the student-body, parents, patrons and friends of the school, and the community to be constantly renewed, strengthened, and united.

Athletics is a microcosm of life, reflecting real life situations such as handling conflict, consequences of a work ethic, making sound decisions under pressure, dealing with success and failure, coping with disappointment, submission to coaches and officials, importance of teamwork, and the opportunity to excel for individuals with various learning styles and intellectual abilities. Athletics also provide opportunities for students to build relationships not only with teammates but also with opponents that go beyond the playing field. It teaches them to be dedicated and committed, and the importance of balance in their lives to something bigger than themselves.

On the Track

The middle and high school track season is in full swing, competing against some of the best athletes in the state. Nearly all of our athletes have broken their own personal records while Macey Smith broke the Teays Valley Christian Girls Middle School record for discus. With only 16 athletes between high school and middle school, our teams have been able to score points in the 1600M run and discus throw as well as coming extremely close to placing in long jump and the 100M, 200M and 400M dashes as well. We are extremely proud of all our track athletes and look forward to an exciting end to our season at WVCAT on April 23, 2019.

Around the Diamond (Baseball)

Our baseball team this season has found themselves in a unique situation...athletes from 3 different schools, competing on one team, working together, and having FUN! TVCS has partnered with Calvary Baptist Academy for the past few years allowing their students to compete on our baseball team, but this year another local school, Cross Lanes Christian, was not going to be able to field a team so TVCS extended the invitation to CLCS as well. The result...3 schools, 26 athletes (5 CL, 5 CBA, 16 TVCS), a Varsity/JV Team, and a lot of baseball! This team has also put together some strong wins this season against Grace Christian, Wood County Christian, Greater Beckley Christian, Rosehill Christian, and Buffalo High School (1st time in school history). Their season wraps up at the end of the month and hopefully with a WVCAT Championship.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- 4/23 WVCAT Track Meet @ Laidley Field
- 4/26-27 WVCAT Baseball @ Valley Park
- 5/13 High School Sports Banquet @ 6pm/Commons
- 5/14 Middle School Sports Banquet @ 6pm/Commons
- 5/20 Middle School Golf Championship @ Guyan Country Club

Camps:

- 6/24-28 Volleyball Camp (Grades 3-8)
- 7/15-18 Basketball Camp (Grades 1-8)