



**Teays Valley**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

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**We want to hear from you!**

Please send comments or suggestions for articles using the contact information below.

## The Year in Review *by Mr. Jack Davis*

The 2018-19 school year is in the books, and it was a great year! The students, parents, teachers, support staff, and leadership team all worked together for the benefit of every student. A Christ-centered environment, biblically-based curriculum, and rigorous work by student and staff made another successful year for the TVCS family.

An excellent education with eternal implications is truly a privilege for everyone involved. I want to thank our teachers and staff for a wonderful year. I want to thank our students for all the work, love, fun, and craziness! I want to thank the parents for their trust and support. But most of all, I want to thank God for the privilege of being here and for His help every day!

As we move into summer, enjoy every day and stay connected to God and to each other. God is good and God is faithful. Thank you all for your important part in the TVCS family!



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**Philippians 1:3-6** *“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”*

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## Lion Mural

*by Ms. Jennifer Mata*



The lion mural installed in the Commons was proudly done by the high school art students. That was their Christmas gift to the whole school. I have to say that the students truly worked hard for this piece. They not only worked on their assigned piece, but they had to coordinate with 3 or 4 other people whose piece is connected to theirs. They had to constantly communicate with them and check if their pieces align and if the colors match the others. There were so many times I stood back and watched the beautiful chaos of students working on this mural.

Admittedly, it gave me tremendous joy seeing them work hard with very little prodding. I believe they shared the excitement of giving life to this vision I have. All-in-all, there were 36 canvasses sized 12x16 each, and every student in my class contributed. Again, I could not say it enough, I am truly proud of my students.

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## TVCS Car Show and Bazaar



The first TVCS Car Show and Bazaar was a success! We had 36 cars, 18 vendors, and many donors that made the event possible! A special "Thank you!" to the House of Boone for providing our music and Bev Mohr for running the concessions.

Thank you to the following [vendors!](#)

Please support their small businesses:

- ❖ Ashley Morris - Mary Kay
- ❖ Aubrey Morris - Perfectly Posh
- ❖ Barbara Brown- Pampered Chef
- ❖ Becca Saunders - Purple Ferret Photography
- ❖ Brenda Mullins - Grandma's Rockin' Recipes
- ❖ Carla Bane - Lipsense
- ❖ Connie Dillon - Connie's Stained-Glass Creations
- ❖ Debbie Dickens - Copper & Clay Designs
- ❖ Donna Atwood - Usborne Books
- ❖ Erika Elkin - Stella & Dot
- ❖ Heather Warren - Lularoe
- ❖ Jeanna Hicks - Thirty-One
- ❖ Josie Bowling - Scentsy
- ❖ Katey Mullins - Katey's Cards & Crafts
- ❖ Lindsey Stratton - Lindsey's Burrow
- ❖ Lori Kline - Color Street
- ❖ Rebecca Reveal - Just Sayin' With a Sign
- ❖ Toni Walker - Avon

Thank you to our [donors!](#) Please support these community businesses:

- ❖ Advance Auto Parts - Teays Valley
- ❖ Appalachian Boarding Co. (Evan Young)
- ❖ Coca Cola
- ❖ Dairy Queen - Scott Depot
- ❖ Edible Arrangements - Teays Valley
- ❖ Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- ❖ Hurricane Trophy
- ❖ KO Car Wash - Teays Valley
- ❖ McDonald's - Teays Valley
- ❖ Mohr's Tire Farm - Milton
- ❖ Napa - Hurricane
- ❖ O'Reilly Auto Parts - Hurricane
- ❖ Save a Lot - Scott Depot
- ❖ Sheetz - Scott Depot
- ❖ Snap Fitness
- ❖ Speedway - Scott Depot
- ❖ Sweet B & Co (Crystal Byrne)
- ❖ Taste of Asia - Teays Valley

## Terra Nova Testing Complete

Our testing week came to an end May 2nd for all grade levels. We are excited to see how our students did overall. Thanks to the parents for preparing your child(ren) mentally each day for the battery of tests. Results have been mailed along with the information for families to access the results online. TVCS will report the scores to the WV Department of Education and will utilize the data to evaluate and make changes in our curriculum and programs.

## Math-A-Thon

In February we kicked off our Math-A-Thon in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades. 100% of the money generated from the Math-A-Thon (after prizes) goes directly to the school. Every student was given a math test worth 50 points based on the skills being taught in their class. Students gathered sponsors to pledge a specified amount for each point they earned on the math test. Based on the pledge and test totals, students were able to earn from the following different accumulative prize levels: Level one: (\$15-\$39) Math-A-Thon Certificate, Level two: (\$40-\$80) Free Jeans Day Pass and Extended Recess, Level three: (\$81 - \$139) Math Medal, Level four: (\$140-\$200) Husson's Lunch, Grand Prize: (\$201 or more) \$25 Check, and the TOP earner for the school received a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! When the results were in, Hunter Wade (Kindergarten) was the TOP earner with his pledges totally \$430! K-6<sup>th</sup> grades together raised just over \$7,000! Great work, Lions!

## TVCS Rummage Sale

A rummage sale was held in the TVCS Commons on Saturday, May 11. TVCS families and friends and the Winfield Baptist Church (WBC) donated many wonderful items and supplies. WBC also loaned clothing racks, hangers, and baskets to use during the sale. Judy Booher made delicious deserts and snacks for a bake sale. We appreciate everyone who managed the sale and who donated or made purchases. This event raised over \$1600 for the school!



## Campus Beautification

We are so appreciative of the folks who gave up their time to beautify our campus! Nicolina Johnston worked for many days around the campus and also recruited helpers including Rob Johnston, Brian & Sharon Lake, Eric Brookes, Aubrey Morris, Mrs. Lori Kline and the PE classes, and the Johnston and Lake kiddos. Thanks for your dedication!



## 2019-2020 School Year Open House

The 2019-2020 Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. This is a come-and-go event where you can visit classrooms, and meet the teachers and other classmates. Secondary students (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will be able to pick up their class schedules. There will be a special session at 7 pm with a SMART529 representative for those interested in more information. School Closet will also be in attendance for those last-minute deliveries and any assistance you need concerning campus wear.

## FACTS Tuition Management

Tuition payments for the 2019-2020 school year begin in August and will continue through July (except for families with only one senior student; schedule would end in May). TVCS will continue to use FACTS for all tuition accounts. A student should only be on one account unless special arrangements are approved by the office. Each family account needs to log-in to their FACTS account and select a payment plan option for the 2019-2020 school year. This needs to be done as soon as possible, but no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. To receive a \$100 discount, payments can be made in full before July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## Summer Activities – Middle and High School

The two following Summer Activities will be held for TVCS students entering grades 7-12 in the fall:

- ❖ Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-9:00pm, Summer Bash @ Camp Appalachia (sports, swimming, fishing, etc.)
- ❖ Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm, Movie Night @Church at the Depot Youth Room

## Educational Savings Account Update

The following paragraph is from our good friend, Jason Huffman, Executive Director of Americans For Prosperity.

Please pay particular attention to the link provided that facilitates your ability to make your voice heard at this critical time.

“Quick update: The senate unveiled their ESA bill recently, and, while it is separate from the omnibus bill that contains charter schools and guaranteed public school open enrollment, it is one of the most expansive universal ESA programs in the country. We have a high degree of confidence that both the Student Success Act and the universal ESA bill will pass the senate. We just have to go get the votes in the house before they reconvene on June 17th. This is a heavy lift, but not out of the question.

I wanted to see if you'd be willing to share our petition to lawmakers with your community.

Here is the website: <http://innovatewvedu.com>.”

## School Closet

School Closet will be set up at TVCS on the following dates for all your uniform needs:

- ❖ Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 4 pm (25% off)
- ❖ Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 12pm – 4 pm (10% off).

You can also order online any time at [www.schoolcloset.com](http://www.schoolcloset.com). Coupon codes are as follows:

- \* 25% off code: 25 sale (May 1 – June 17)
- \* 20% off code: 20 sale (June 18 – June 30)
- \* 15% off code: 15 sale (July 1 – July 15)
- \* 10% off code: 10sale (July 16 – July 31)

## Uniform Resale

A Uniform Resale is tentatively scheduled for an afternoon during the week of August 26. Please bring any uniform or accessory donations to the school office. Items may be “purchased” at the sale by a monetary donation to the school.

## Summer Academic Camps

TVCS will conduct the following summer week-long academic camps taught by some of our outstanding faculty. Classes will be from 9-11 am. We hope you are looking forward to these exciting adventures!

- ACT Math Prep Camp (Grades 10-12) – June 24-28
- CSI Camp (Grades 5-12) – July 15-19
- Coding Camp (Grades 4-12) – July 22-26

**First Day of  
School**



**Thursday  
August 15**



*Music Notes*

By Mrs. Sutton  
Higginbotham



Several students participated in the music portion of Academic Day on April 26th, at the Bible Center School.

In the vocal category, Aria Cowder and Isabella Johnston received the Superior rating and Josie Lewis and Samantha Stephenson received the Excellent rating.

In the piano category, Parker Armstrong received the Superior rating, Isabella Johnston received the Excellent rating, and Mackenzie Demuth received the Excellent rating.

In the Large Group category, the Sixth Grade Band, High School Band, and Worship team all received the Excellent rating. We are so proud of our TVCS students that participated in this event!

Kindergarten Graduation *by Mrs. Pam McKinney*

Kindergarten Graduation was held on Tuesday May 21. "Mrs. McKinney, will we go to 1<sup>st</sup> grade on Wednesday?" Well, such is time to a Kindergarten child. We had a great year, and graduation is always an exciting time. I had a class of great leaders, athletes, artists, singers, scientists, and only God knows what else...of course, I do mean God only knows what these "diamonds" will do someday.

Much Love, Mrs. McKinney



Elementary Field Day

Field Day for Elementary students (K-6<sup>th</sup>) was held at the school on Friday, May 24. Children enjoyed three different inflatables and field activities including water balloons, four-way tug of war, sack races, and playground time. Thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered and helped make this event a success!



7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip *by Elizabeth Roy*

The seventh and eighth graders of Teays Valley Christian School got the wonderful privilege of attending the play, *Madagascar*, on March 29, 2019. This amazing play was put on by the Children's Theater of Charleston. One of our very own students, Aria Cowder, played the main role of Gloria, and she, along with all of the other actors, did amazingly.

The play is set in a zoo, with Marty, a zebra who dreams of living in his natural habitat, Gloria, a hippo who cares about nothing else but her friends and her looks, Melman, a shy giraffe, and Alex, the king of New York City and a lover of steak. One day Marty sneaks out of the zoo to find his true home, and his friends follow him. They end up on a boat which lands them in Madagascar. The four friends go through many trials, and in the end, they stay in Madagascar living the dream.

The students look forward to attending more productions in the future!

COSI Field Trip – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

On Friday, May 3, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class took their end-of-the-year field trip to COSI in Columbus, Ohio. COSI (The Center of Science and Industry) is an amazing hands-on learning facility where our students explored Gadgets,



Oceans, Space, and many more. Right now, students are able to walk through the Dinosaur Gallery and Alligator Alley. Several students even pedaled the unicycle 17 feet above the ground! It's always a fun-filled day, and an excellent way to end the 3rd grade year!

## Cincinnati Field Trip – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fifth grade traveled to Cincinnati for their annual overnight field trip on May 9. The first stop was the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. God mercifully held off the rain that had been threatening all week, just as we prayed He would! Students and their families enjoyed feeding giraffes, checking up on Baby Fiona the Hippo, and visiting the Reptile House, among other things. After lunch, we got back in our vehicles for the short drive to the Creation Museum. Students were involved in a Scavenger Hunt throughout the venue. Many exhibits were being revamped, but the visitors still had the opportunity to learn the main message of the Creation Museum: the 7 C's of Creation. These areas are Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Upon checking into our hotel, students had the opportunity to relax, swim, eat, and sleep. On Friday, we headed to the Ark. The massive size of the Ark is quite breathtaking. Students came up with a lot of good questions about the Noah and his life on the Ark. As always, the trip was a success; we were blessed to be able to observe and learn about God's creation.



## Art Corner

by Ms. Jennifer Mata



The final projects that the students submitted for art this year turned out absolutely impressive. First, we talked about the artist Lucio Fontana who pioneered "spatial arts". The students drew their designs at the back of the canvas and cut it using an x-acto knife or a box cutter. When turned the right side, the final piece looked beautiful. It doesn't matter whether the designs were simple or whether they're intricate, they all turned out good. For our final project, we made a simple stained-glass piece. Instead of cutting glass and welding lead to them, we traced out the lines of our designs with black glue replicating the lead part of an actual stained glass and painted the spaces with different colors. The students' final pieces were stunning. I am very proud of what they have accomplished for art this year.

## Spring Career Activities

In the afternoons after testing, our secondary students participated in a variety of activities. On Monday afternoon, several special guests came to share about their particular careers. Students learned about photography, small business operations, sound engineering, auto mechanics, and more. On Tuesday, students completed practical activities that helped them explore about college and career options, as well as learning from some special guests about resumé building and interview preparation.

Our last afternoon activities were a little bit different. The 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades participated in fun team-building hands-on activities. The frozen t-shirt unfolding race was quite the favorite! During that time, our 11<sup>th</sup>-graders participated in mock interviews and our seniors completed their Senior Portfolio presentations.

Thanks to our special guests for making this an informative and helpful week!

## Teacher Appreciation Week

by Bethany Carr



The week of May 6-10th we celebrated our teachers during "Teacher Appreciation Week". Each day we had a theme with a number of classes participating to show appreciation. On Monday, the teachers' favorite Starbucks drink and doughnuts were provided by Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade as "we doughnut know what we would do without them!". Also, on Monday, Bob and Leatha Young provided a catered staff luncheon that was enjoyed by all. Tuesday, the middle and high school provided cookies and sweets to show our "thanks for making us smart cookies." First and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade provided breakfast on Wednesday to let the teachers know "we'd be muffin without you." With no school on Thursday, we finished out the week on Friday with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade providing a taco lunch because "Taco 'bout the best teachers!" We truly do have great teachers at TVCS, and we are thankful for all that they do. Thank you to all the parents who helped show a small token of appreciation for the great investment they are making.

## Pre-K Meet and Greet

On Friday, May 10, preschool children with siblings at TVCS who will be entering kindergarten this fall met in Mrs. McKinney's classroom. The children had a fun time eating cookies and playing with the classroom toys. We hope that this time together will help the children feel more comfortable in the fall when they recognize some of their classmates. Thank you to the parents who brought their children to this event!

*Staff Highlight*

Mr. Jody Sowards



Our Principal, Mr. Jody Sowards, has reached a milestone in his TVCS career. This year marks his 20<sup>th</sup> year at TVCS! As you all know, Mr. Sowards is a fantastic teacher, coach, and leader. His work ethic is second to none and his love and vision for TVCS is amazing.

As impressive as he is professionally, the most impressive thing about him is his love for and dedication to every student. God has truly blessed us with Mr. Sowards and we are fortunate to have him at TVCS! Thank you, Mr. Sowards, and congratulations on an awesome 20 years!!

## Enrollment 2019-2020

We still have student positions available for this upcoming school year. Enrollment continues through the summer months. In March, we had a great evening for new families with students entering Kindergarten. They were able to see TVCS for the first time, meet Mrs. McKinney, and see the classroom. We also had a Friend Day in March and had several students bring a friend to enjoy our school family for the day. We hope these events (and more) open up our school family to the community. If you know of someone who would be interested in TVCS, please help us make that contact with them to learn more about becoming a TVCS Lion.

## Campus Wear Amendment

For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, we are making an addition to the Campus Wear policies by allowing pants to be purchased through other vendors as well as School Closet. 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. During the cooler months, please note that outerwear worn in the classroom must be approved campus wear. School Closet has sweaters and fleece jackets available to purchase year-round. Please see the School Closet section for some summer dates and discounts.

## Tuition and SMART529 Plans

### A SMART529 representative will have a session at 7 pm during Open House (Aug. 13).

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. 31<sup>st</sup> 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

SchoolStore.com is a year-round fundraiser! Since most of us shop online, you can now shop through SchoolStore.com, and TVCS will receive a % of sales from over 400 different merchant choices. All you do is go to SchoolStore.com, look up Teays Valley Christian School, and your shopping is linked to the school. In just a few months, TVCS has earned over \$600! There are also different ways for students to accumulate prizes. The prize levels will restart in September for each participating student. An information sheet is available in the office with more details.



Do you shop at Kroger? Grandparents? Family/Friends? You can connect your KrogerPlus Card to TVCS, and we will receive quarterly donations through their Community Rewards Program. Please log-in your Kroger account at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), follow the dropdown menu - "Savings & Rewards" – "Kroger Community Rewards" – and click the link under "I'm a Customer". You can either search our organization name (Teays Valley Christian School) or by our organization number (**EI195**). It is that simple!

## Upcoming Events

June 4	School Closet at TVCS (12-4 pm)	July 15-19	CSI Camp (9-11 am)
June 15	FACTS Deadline to select payment plan	July 22-26	Coding Camp (9-11 am)
June 21	MS/HS Summer Break @ Camp App. (6:30-9 pm)	July 25	School Closet at TVCS (12-4 pm)
June 24-28	ACT Math Prep Camp (9-11 am)	July 31	Last day to pay tuition in full to receive discount
July 11	MS/HS Movie Night @ The Depot (7-9 pm)	August 13	Open House (6-8 pm, come-and-go)
		August 13	SMART529 plan special session (7 pm)
		<b>August 15</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>



## Athletics Awards Receptions

Our High School and Middle School Athletic Award Receptions took place on May 13th and May 14th, respectively. Our athletes were recognized by their coaches for their dedication and commitment to their sports. Several athletes received awards during the ceremony. A special recognition was made to two of our high school athletes for being selected as our Female and Male Athletes of the year. These two athletes were Female Athlete, Sophomore Chloe Harper and Male Athlete, Junior Cole Young. Chloe participated in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and track this school year while Cole participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball. Congratulations to all of our athletes and a special "Thank You" to all of our coaches that served sacrificially during the season.



## Academic Awards Ceremony - Elementary and Secondary

On Thursday, May 23rd at 1 pm, our elementary students in grades 3-6 received their academic awards at our end-of-the year ceremony. Students in grades 7-11 were recognized following the elementary at 2 pm. Students received recognition for faithful and perfect attendance as well as "A" and "B" honor roll accomplishments from Mr. Sowards. Each classroom teacher then recognized students for their academic accomplishments and/or character behaviors at the ceremony. Students in grades K-2 received recognition from their teachers in their classrooms prior to the awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of our students for their accomplishments throughout the year. Hard work does pay off!

## Academic Day

Another ACSI Academic Day is in the books for TVCS students. This year's competitions were hosted by the Bible Center School in Charleston. Students had the opportunity to display their gifts through music, art, math, and elementary speech competitions (Bible passages, fables, folklore, or poems). Our students excelled in all of those areas and received their awards during the academic awards ceremony at the end of school. See the Music Notes section of this newsletter for more details about the music accomplishments.

Thanks to all of the students and parents that went the extra mile to represent TVCS at this event.



## Junior/Senior Prom

Juniors and Seniors gathered at Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club on May 3, 2019, for the "Ville de Fleurs" Junior/Senior Prom. The French garden themed prom was a huge success thanks to juniors Sydney Schliesser, Abigail Roberts, and Meredith Northup, who led the Prom Committee. Students enjoyed delicious appetizers catered by the Sleepy Hollow Country Club while having an opportunity to dance and socialize with music provided by Mr. Stephen Boone and House of Boone Audio Visual Solutions LLC.



Attendees also had a chance to try on some crazy props and take a photo in the photo booth. Overall, the 2019 Junior/Senior Prom ended the year in grand fashion and gave students memories they will cherish for a lifetime.

**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

**On the Track**

The middle and high school track teams finished up a very successful season at the end of April. Nearly all of our athletes have broken their own personal records while the high school team broke the school record in girls' discus, girls' 4x100m relay and the girls' 4x200m relay; and the middle school team broke the school record in girls' discus and boys' 200m hurdles. With only 16 athletes between high school and middle school, our high school girls team placed 2nd overall and our middle school girls placed 3rd overall in the WVCAT Championship Meet on April 23rd. We are extremely proud of all our track athletes and look forward to next season.



**Around the Diamond  
(Baseball)**

2019 was a record-setting season for the TVCS Baseball team, finishing with a 12-6 overall record. The Lions finished the regular season 5-1 in WVCAT games and advanced to the post-season tournament as the #1 overall seed, finishing as runners-up.



2019 was also a "different" type of season, as TVCS combined with two other schools to form the baseball team. Players from Teays Valley, Calvary, and Cross Lanes joined together and had the most-successful season in school history. The season was highlighted by 3 no-hitters and the baseball program's first-ever win over Buffalo.

**At the Tee (Golf)**



The TVCS Middle School Golf Team had another impressive season. We had 4 returning players and 3 new players this year. During the regular season, we were the only undefeated team out of 8 teams in our league. Although we fell short of defending our title at the conference championship, Savannah Hawkins won first place for lowest individual score and Jackson Woodburn won second place. We look forward to the 2020 season as we bring back a lot of experience to the team!

**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

**Upcoming Events/Dates:**

- June 5: 6-8 pm FREE Sport Physicals @TVCS
- June 24-28: 5-7 pm Volleyball Camp grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- July 22-25: 9-11:30 am 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade & 12:30-2:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Camps:**

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

**Fall Practice Start Dates/Times/Locations**

- MS Soccer July 29<sup>th</sup> 5 pm @Camp Appalachia
- HS Soccer June 24<sup>th</sup> 5 pm @Camp Appalachia
- MS Volleyball July 29<sup>th</sup> 5 pm @TVCS Gym
- HS Volleyball July 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm @TVCS Gym
- Cross Country: MS & HS August 1<sup>st</sup> 6 pm @Camp Appalachia



## Class of 2019

On Friday evening, May 17, Teays Valley Christian School's 35<sup>th</sup> Commencement was held, and the twenty-two students of the class of 2019 received their diplomas. The class of 2019 represented 5 countries (United States, Belgium, Dominican Republic, Taiwan, and the Ukraine). Twenty-one of the students are pursuing higher education, and one is joining the military. Students are attending 10 different colleges in 4 different states. To date, the total amount of scholarship monies awarded to the class of 2019 is over \$660,000.00!

Top Honors for the Class of 2019 are shared by two highly dedicated individuals, the Co-Valedictorians, Kathryn Alley and Caroline Moses. Coming in right behind them is the Salutatorian, Katiebeth Bowens. These ladies have been working diligently to attain this great achievement. All three students participated in Honors classes and took the most challenging courses in order to be most prepared for their post-secondary education.

Other senior awards were given at Senior Chapel on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Several special guests from the following institutions were in attendance to recognize scholarship awards based on students' academic achievements: Marshall University, MU School of Pharmacy, West Virginia University, and Ohio Valley University.

McKenzie Myers was admitted into the Marshall Pharmacy Early Assurance Scholars Program. This recognizes high achieving high school students and gives them provisional acceptance into the PharmD program.

Additionally, Mr. Mike Hall, Chief of Staff to the Governor, recognized our PROMISE recipients: Kathryn Alley, Katiebeth Bowens, Josie Lewis, Caroline Moses, and McKenzie Myers. These students are awarded \$14,750 towards tuition and fees at an in-state institution.

Each graduate is loved and each will be missed. Congratulations to the Teays Valley Christian School class of 2019!



Kathryn,  
Caroline,  
Katiebeth



McKenzie  
Myers



## Senior Trip

On the Tuesday after the Senior's last day, ten of the graduating seniors embarked on a trip to Washington D.C. Led by Mrs. Abby Temple and Mr. Nathan Boone, the seniors took in as much of our nation's capital as possible over three days.

Day one included an opportunity to visit Arlington National Cemetery where the students were able to view the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and attend a performance of the Broadway musical *Into the Woods* at the historic Ford's Theatre. The students also enjoyed their time immersed in the rich history of the National Mall on day two including a tour of the U.S. Capitol, time at the Smithsonian Institute Museum of Natural History, and topped off with many walking miles visiting the many memorials and monuments on the National Mall. Day three ended the trip with a brief jaunt by the White House followed by a life-changing experience at the United States Holocaust Museum where students took in the exhibits but also had a unique opportunity to experience a rare, live interview with a Holocaust survivor. The trip ended with the incredible exhibits at the Museum of the Bible where the seniors were able to view artifacts and original manuscripts as well as interactive exhibits taking visitors through the events of the Bible.

It was even harder for the seniors and teachers to say goodbye to the Class of 2019 after this incredible bonding experience that will hopefully stay with them for years to come.



**Holli Bragg**



**Volleyball**  
**WV Wesleyan College (WV)**

**Playing at the Next Level**

Five graduating seniors are athletes who are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Their hard work, sacrifice, and dedication to their sport has paid off for them in many ways. Not only do they get to play a sport they love, but they also are getting scholarships to help pay or pay in full their education. Those athletes are pictured here.

Best of luck in all that you do and remember Proverbs 3:5-6!

**Anderson Mirambeaux**



**Basketball**  
**Trinity Valley College (TX)**

**Luis Herrera**



**Basketball**  
**Monroe College (NY)**

**Mason Shifflett**



**Basketball**  
**West Liberty University (WV)**

**Steven Verplancken**



**Basketball**  
**Glenville State College (WV)**

**Alumni Spotlight**

Sixteen years after graduating from TVCS, David DeBlecourt returned to deliver a humorous and inspirational commencement address to the class of 2019.

David, a 2003 TVCS graduate, attended Marshall University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in English and History. While in college, David became very involved in the college ministry Campus Flood. Eventually, David's college pastor, Josh Gresham, decided to plant a church in North Carolina. David stepped out in faith and joined the Greshams.

That was ten years ago. Now, he is the Executive Pastor of Trailhead Church, a thriving church community of 500+, and is responsible for the behind-the-scenes happenings of the church.

Most of David's classmates and childhood friends would tell you David was never one to enjoy public speaking. However, he is an example of how God can use you when you are willing. Always a thinker, David has depended upon God to help him share with others.

Friday night's commencement address was full of humor in addition to poignant moments. David challenged the class to be responsible for creating a positive, God-impacted culture around them by being people of integrity, compassion, adventure, and peace. While directed at the Class of 2019, David's message speaks to each of us and is a challenge we should each accept.

We at TVCS are proud of all that David has accomplished and wish him the best as he continues to pursue God's direction for his life. If you would like to see his address in full, it is available on the school's Facebook page.

