



Get Ready World—The Class of 2014!

By Kaileigh Moser
Class of 2014

Valley Christian School has been my home for the last 13 years. From it, I have learned:

- to count (my blessings),
- to add (God into every equation),
- to subtract (self),
- to multiply (relationships), and
- to divide (righteousness from unrighteousness).

VCS has provided me with knowledge and discernment, along with long lasting friendships and memories. From the basketball court to the classroom, I have been pushed farther than I could have ever pushed myself. I have learned, by the example of my teachers and coaches, that passion, faith, and hard work glorify God and are the true path to success.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

Excellence in Action

Meet of
Champions
Record
Breaker



VFW
Essay
Winner



Choir
Festival



Champion Gymnast



National Merit Scholar

VCS Students in Action!

SARAH HORVATH has been selected as a National Merit Scholar Finalist because of her academic performance added to her music ability and her ministry to others. This award goes to only 1% of graduating seniors in the United States.

KLARA ISBELL won a \$350 award from our local VFW Post 209 for her essay on the 2013-2014 theme, "What Patriotism Means to Me". The Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) sponsors this annual essay writing contest entitled "The Patriot's Pen program". It is open to students in grades 6-8 in the United States and its territories.

NAIYA BEAUDIN (7th grade) was so excited to bring the Montana State Gymnastics Championships to Valley Christian School on March 21, 2014. Naiya trains year-round, 20+ hours each week, in her pursuit of excellence in this sport. She finished her competition season as Montana's top Level 8 gymnast and the state's highest regional scorer.

JOYLYNN GLIDEWELL (6th grade) competed in the Missoula Countywide Meet of Champions on May 22nd. She placed 1st in both the 200m and 100m dashes. Her time of 27.8 sec. in the 200m broke the record that was set in 2003! She also placed 3rd in the long jump and 2nd in the javelin.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR recently toured the Seattle area taking in training at the ACSI Choral Festival and performed in a mass choir of 500 singers at the Faith Center. Congratulations to these students and their director, Mrs. Dawn Douglass.

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."
Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)*

VCS Progress

Dear Valley Christian School Supporter:

It is time for me to give an update on our school - sort of a mid-year state-of-the-school address. When I joined this school six years ago, God called me here to lead a school that held Christ first and foremost in its operations and mission. What I also discovered through these years is that God specifically called me to lead a Christian school that needed to regain its financial footing. And, praise the Lord, Valley's finances are much better now than when I first arrived! Our school more efficiently uses the tuition dollars, boasts a stronger donor base, and possesses an increased student enrollment for the first time in at least eight years!

Our school has always rested on the Word of God for its foundation, but I believe that now our school has an even stronger K-12 Bible curriculum which prepares our students to thrive in this new culture. We consistently direct our students, parents and ourselves toward the face of God and His nature when we teach, study and counsel each day. Every situation in our school is an opportunity for us to glorify our Creator, and when necessary, an opportunity for redemption. What a privilege it is for students, parents and staff to be a part of this ministry!

As I reflect over the past six years, I see that God helped me analyze VCS' existing programs, problem-solve, make unpopular decisions, and stay on board. I have learned how to maintain and allow a school to run smoothly. But Valley cannot simply "maintain." We need a new visionary who can advance our school onto the next level. Several months ago current families were informed of my decision to make this my last year as Superintendent/Head of School. It was not clear to me then what God would have me do next. But as the spring progressed, He made it quite evident that even though I am passing the baton to a new Head of School, I will remain here as the K-12 Principal and part-time High School Science Teacher. I look forward to my new assignment here!

Furthermore, I look forward to working with Anthony Baugher who the school board recently hired to be our new Head of School. Anthony and his wife, Cindy, along with their three children, come from Santiam Christian School, located in Adair Village, Oregon. Anthony comes with several years experience as a Christian School educator, and most recently as Director of Development and Athletics at a Christian school of over 700 students!

The school board and I have appreciated your prayers for God to prepare and deliver just the right candidate to fill this position. I believe that Valley Christian School is now ready to grow even stronger with its enrollment, its finances and its Christian discipleship ministry! Join our excitement as we see how God will use our school in 2015 and beyond.

In Christ,
Chris Martineau, VCS Superintendent

"Academic Excellence + Biblical Worldview = Education for Eternity"

From Generation To Generation

The Langes: VCS Family for 19 Years

By Brenda Lange

May 18, 2014 brought high school graduation day at Valley Christian School. This was a significant mile marker for our family as we graduated the last of our four children. While graduation day is typically filled with mixed emotions of joy and sorrow, I have to admit that "Hallelujah!" may best describe what I was feeling that day. When I watched my husband walk out of the gym after the ceremony, "high five" Joe Kesler (whose youngest child also just graduated) and state, "We're done!" I was quite sure he was experiencing similar emotions as mine.

While I watched other parents with tears in their eyes, I recall feeling the same with our other children, especially the first graduate. I could not help but reflect on how my mindset had changed over the 15 year span from the first graduation to the last. The years have taken me from sadness and wanting to keep my children in the nest, to anticipation in watching the last learn to fly.

There is an old saying that "it takes a village to raise a child". My husband and I are so thankful for the Valley Christian

"village". Having our children attend Valley Christian School over the last 19 years has truly been a blessing. As a school family, we have felt like members of a community; a community moving in the same direction, with the same mindset, goals, and values. While not perfect, the years at Valley Christian School have been a positive experience with many lasting benefits.

Our school family has seen us through cancer treatments, a broken ankle, appendicitis surgery, the birth of our youngest, two weddings, the births of five grandchildren, the adoption of a grandchild from Ethiopia, and much more. In our nineteen years, we have experienced numerous band concerts, art shows, track meets, basketball games, and volleyball matches.

We have sent three of our children to Germany and one on multiple band tours. There have been senior trips, basketball trips, and

camping trips with Mr. Elsen. We have made many friends and have countless precious memories from our years at Valley Christian School. We have paid many dollars in tuition which have returned priceless rewards.

We are thankful for the opportunity to have been part of the school family for nineteen years. Most of all we are eternally grateful for the Godly foundation that the teachers, staff, administration, coaches, and other school families have helped us build for our four children.

While having children at Valley Christian School comes to the end, our school family membership continues with our attending grandchildren. We look forward to being a part of Valley Christian School for many years to come.

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Psalm 78:4 "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done."

Christian Education

Investing in Children today, tomorrow, and for eternity.

By Lanette Bohlken

Recently, I was hand addressing an envelope. As I was writing our school's return address, I spelled-out V-a-l-l-e-y, then C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n, then S-c-h-o-o-l. I stopped. I was overwhelmed with such emotion that my eyes began to well-up with tears, as I realized the powerful importance of the words "Christian" and "School" and all that it means to have these two words combined. What an incredible privilege to have our children in a school that has the freedom to not only incorporate the Word of God into its curriculum, but to have it as the very foundation for its existence.

This year's Faith Challenge Celebration Scripture reminds us of the importance of continually imparting Biblical truth to our children. Deuteronomy 6:7 "You shall teach them to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." It is such a wonderful blessing for our students to be in an academic environment that is also educating and nurturing them spiritually.

You, as a supporter of Valley Christian School, are making it possible for us to continue to combine the words "Christian"

and "School". You are paving a way for families to send their children to a school that is able to be an extension of the Christian home; providing a learning environment that compliments what is being taught in their home and church.

"... a school that is able to impart Biblical truth ..."

Thank you for believing in the importance of Christian education and for investing in Valley Christian School.

Thank you for making a powerful difference in the lives of our students; an investment that not only impacts these children today and tomorrow but ultimately for eternity.

