



The seniors on Retreat at Big Sky Bible Camp with Mr. Hawkins and Mrs. Douglass.

Class of 2016: Ready already?

By Sophie Kochel
Class of 2016

Love is present. As we have grown to know each other, the bonding time throughout these years has been exponential. All of us feel loved and included, like there's always someone to turn to.

As we have all been taught in Bible class through these years, it shows in our actions that uprightness is important.

Some of us have been here for our entire schooling, however the students that enrolled last year are equally important to us.

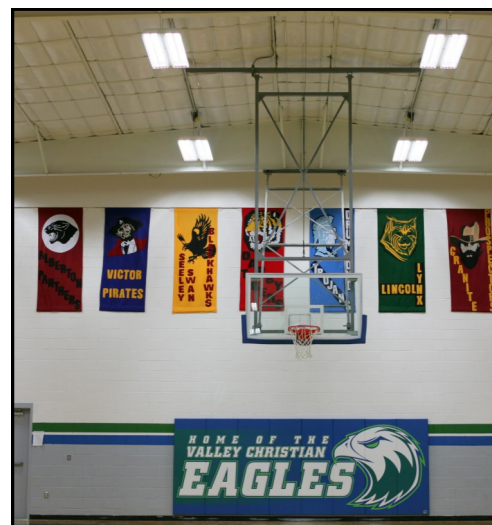
We have grown up together, now it's time for us to grow up apart. Although this is a sad time, it's also a crucial part of life.

Great growth has already taken place in our lifetime— what is God going to do for us next?

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Class of 2028 Debut: National Anthem Singers, January 23, 2016

By Melisa Reimer,
Kindergarten Teacher

"Oh, say can you see, by the dawnzery light". "Mrs. Reimer, what is a dawnzery?"

This was just one of the classic teaching moments captured as the kindergarten teachers prepared their students to sing the National Anthem for a VCS basketball game on January 23, 2016.

The three Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Reimer, Ms. Schoemer, and Mrs. Palmer, began practicing months in



faith and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

They did an amazing job, and exceeded our expectations.

We want our Kindergarteners to be invested in our school and this is a great way to begin participating in the many facets VCS has to offer. Being able to sing our National Anthem is a

and national pride. The twenty-three kindergarten students who sang our National Anthem took their jobs very seriously and did not skip a beat as they belted out the words. Although they are young, their confidence on stage was a showstopper.

unique experience. We truly are blessed here at VCS with the freedoms we are given, both academically and spiritually.

The biggest lesson that the Kindergarten, Class of 2028, learned from this experience is to be so thankful, "For the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

"... respect, honor, and national pride ..."

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in



advance, playing the song for their students during class to help them memorize the words. Mrs. Douglass was also an important part of the process, practicing twice a week with the children during Music Class.

This song has many challenging words, especially for five and six year olds, but Mrs. Douglass took the song one line at a time and explained the words, how to pronounce them, and what they meant so the kindergartners would understand the importance of what they were singing.

The teachers also talked to the students about respect, honor,

VCS's Got Talent!

By Kyra Glidewell,
Student Body President
NHS Member at Large

An All School Talent Show? Hmmmm. As Student Leadership President, I readily accepted the unofficial challenge of organizing such an event. Planning seemed simple enough at first thought. Then the reality of time slipping by, auditions, promotions, concessions, tarping the



Brandon Smith,
Emcee & Magician!

National Honor Society, classmates, teachers, and my fine family brought this event

floor, stage arrangement, scheduling changes, and arggggg! But as always, God is good & the teamwork of PTF, Student Leadership,

together for a delightful display of the talents God has placed in His people at VCS.

On January 23, I arrived at the school at 5:30, ready to conquer the world. Turned out, my "team" had already conquered most of it.



Kyra Glidewell,
SL President & Visionary!!

Before I knew it, everyone had a place, knew what they were doing, and

I just had to sit back to enjoy the first Annual All School Talent Show since 1986. Thank you to all who helped make this a memorable evening.



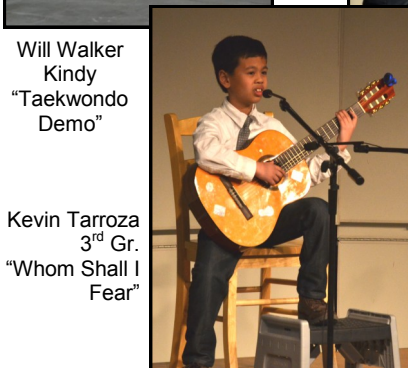
Will Walker
Kindy
"Taekwondo
Demo"



Amanda Sather Kindy
"Kindy Keys"



Zach Hoaglin 5th Gr. &
Mrs. Nurse "Rubik's Cube"



Kevin Tarroza
3rd Gr.
"Whom Shall I
Fear"



Cassidy Murray
3rd Gr. & Mom
"Dear
Daughter"



Brooklyn Ishler, Arriana La, & Ayla Schultz
3rd Gr. "Happy Birthday, Jesus"



Faith Taberna 6th Gr.
"This is the Stuff"



Micah Kindy, Asher Pre-K and Matt McNutt &
Micah 5th and Al Gonzalez "Family Worship" Finale

4th Annual Dessert Show

Disney Favorites!

By Maureen Ammondson
Art Teacher Extraordinaire

If you missed the annual Dessert Show put on by VCS Fine Arts Department, then you missed more than taking in a few extra calories provided by the yummy desserts!

This year's theme "Disney" proved to be a ton of fun.

Between the High School Band's

rendition of the "Incredibles" theme song & the Choir director, Mrs. Douglass' outrageous ditty,

by Tony the chef from "Lady and the Tramp", the show was a hit to say the least!

You also missed a sneak peek at the upcoming High School musical, "The Little Mermaid".

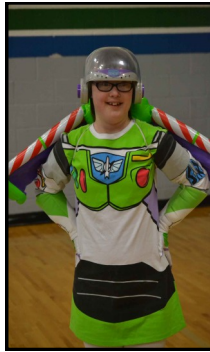
This year's show was not all about the performers, although they had a big part in making the evening memorable. There was a wonderful art display. Talented junior high and high school artists got to showcase their work.



Savannah serves sweetly.



The Incredibles we usually call the Reimer family.



Nobody tricks Josie about Buzz Lightyear.

not a high school only show! The whole school was invited and encouraged to wear Disney inspired costumes. Among those characters on the guest list were the entire Incredible family, Captain Hook, the cast of Alice in Wonderland, Mulan and Chang, Cruella DeVill, Minnie Mouse, Mary Poppins and a plethora of princesses!

The Dessert Show serves as a fund raiser for the Choir tour this spring where the students will travel to Seattle, Washington. The songsters will participate in a regional high

They also sold coloring books and did most of the serving of the desserts & coffee to the friends and family attendees. Thanks Art students for your

silent contribution to the show.

This was



Russell, "Up", and Sebastian, "Little Mermaid", were excellent emcees. Thank you Brian & Caleb.

school choir of about 500 students strong. The band and choir alternate in collecting the proceeds to fund their tours.



Captain Hook before he lost his hand! Clever, Kaileb!



The princesses performed for the royalty and the commoners.

The Little Mermaid Jr. High School Musical

By Michael Reimer
Band & Drama Director

The Valley Christian High School will perform its first musical drama this spring.

Auditions are complete, characters have been assigned, and rehearsals are underway for Disney's "Little Mermaid" performed on May 23 and 24 on the VCS gymnasium stage. Directing a cast of 20 high school students, are Michael and Molly Reimer, who are working on their 4th production together, having directed three plays at schools in Medford, Oregon.

In the play, "Ariel" (Senior Lianna Sweet), a discontented mermaid, ignores the warnings of her Mer-father, "King Triton" (Sophomore Brian Gragg), and goes up to the surface with her friend and sidekick "Flounder" (Sophomore Kelcie Hill). There she observes the humans and visits with seagull know-it-all Scuttle" (Senior Christopher Beckett). She longs to be human and sells her voice to the sea witch "Ursula" (Freshman Emma

Hiltz), in exchange for a pair of legs to live on land with the humans. "Sebastian" the crab (Sophomore Caleb Colwell) is put in charge of her guardianship. She falls in love with charming "Prince Eric" (Senior Andrew Lichte), but is unable to earn a kiss from the prince before the three day window has ended

as part of the deal with the sea witch. "King Triton" must come to "Ariel's"

rescue from the sea witch, as she realizes his love for her and that he was "right all along". The witch is destroyed and "King Triton" grants his daughter her land wish and hand in marriage to "Prince Eric". They live happily ever after!



Dancing at VCS? NO! NO! NO!
It's choreography and it's happening daily.



**May 23rd & 24th
Monday &
Tuesday**

Tickets will be on sale in the high school office for \$7 each or \$25/family. Order tickets at info@valleychristian.org.

Come and enjoy Valley Christian High School's presentation of Disney's "Little Mermaid" on May 23 and 24.



Students of the Month!

Shining Examples

Good kids in the news!

That's what the VCS staff is promoting by nominating various students for the Student of the Month honor. The criteria is quite biblical: *"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12).

Congratulations to those fine students who have received this honor already this year:

The Student of the Month Award was instituted in January 2016 and comes with a \$50 gift card for the student's personal use.

We believe that the recognition and support of godly character reaps far more rewards than can be adequately accounted for, but we want to be encouraging to those who are living rightly in this often crooked world.

If you have questions regarding how this process works, or want to partner with us in this endeavor, please contact the building principals, Jon Hawkins or Cheryl Nurse.

"Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright."
Proverbs 20:11



Elementary Students

January

Addison Schallock (1st)
Preston Reimer (4th)
Riley Burkhalter (2nd)

February

Keaton Reimer (3rd)
Nathan Karvandi (K)
Audree Kushner (5th)

March

Rylinn Lockhart (2nd)
Riley Reimer (6th)
Raleigh Noon (3rd)

Junior High Students

January

Abbie Allen (8th)

February

Timothy Stearns (8th)

March

Morgan Brewer (8th)

High School Students

January

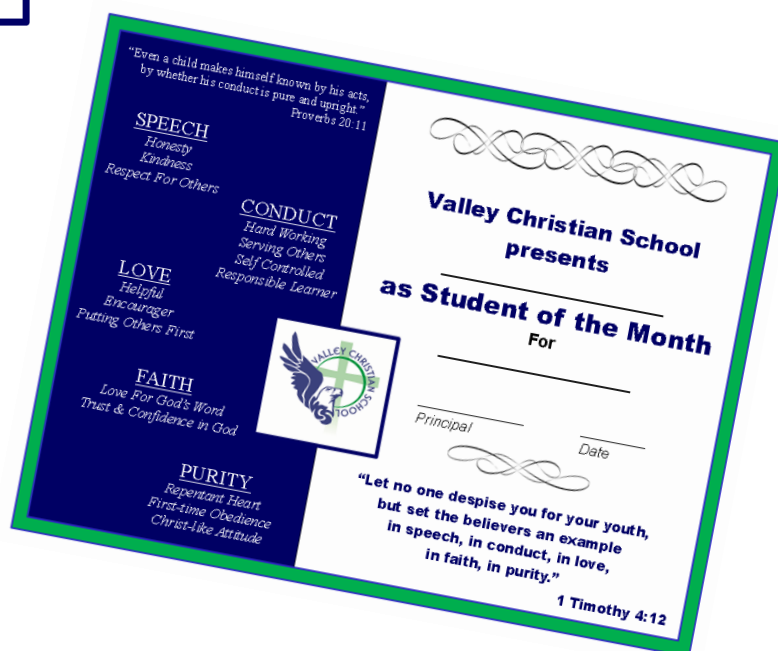
Klara Isbell (9th)

February

Sophie Kochel (12th)

March

Caleb Colwell (10th)



Pep Band

“More sound per pound than any band in the land.”

By Brandon Iverson
Class of 2002

Looking back on all the years that I have had the privilege of being part of the pep band, it's hard to believe I have 15 years of trumpeting and trombone-ing since 1997. I was in 7th grade when Mr. Reimer allowed 7th and 8th graders to play in pep band with the high schoolers.

Through those years I was able to build many memories with my friends, classmates and also our band director Mr. Michael Reimer. More importantly, pep band allowed me to improve my skills in playing my instruments and also to use the talent God has provided me.

In those years Mr. Reimer pushed me to do things I didn't think I could do, like play trumpet, baritone and slide trombone. The reasons I chose to play in the pep band while in school were pretty simple: to have fun, (which we had lots of), and to get into the games for free.

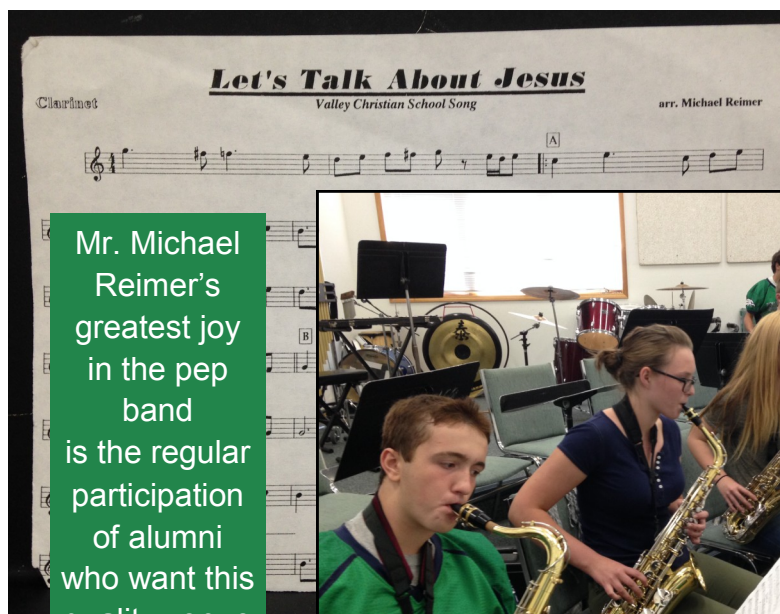
Now as an adult, pep band has become very important to me for richer reasons. I still do pep band for fun but I also do it as a ministry to the kids, the fans at the game and to bring glory to God.

It's amazing to see how God works through our pep band. I can't tell you how many times we get compliments from the opposing teams' fans as well as ours.

I really do have to say a huge thank to Mr. Reimer for allowing me to be a part of the pep band and the ministry of it. I have learned so much from him and from the pep band.



First performance is the UM Homecoming Parade and getting ready is part of the fun.



Mr. Michael Reimer's greatest joy in the pep band is the regular participation of alumni who want this quality venue to continue enjoying the gift of music.



Practice makes perfect if it's perfect practice.

FYI: The reputation of the VCS Pep Band was so outstanding in the early 2000s that the University of Montana requested its services for the first few games of the men's season because they were without a pep band. Go Eagles in support of the Griz!

Prayer Power

VCS Prayer Group

Colossians 4:2

“Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful.”

Parents Prayer Group is an ongoing ministry at VCS that can best be described with the adjective “vibrant”: meaning full of life, passionate, responsive and sensitive. It is made up of parents (of both current students and alumni) who love to devote themselves to consistently praying for our school. We meet weekly during the school year and monthly during the summer.

As a VCS alumni parent, it has been a great privilege to

continue meeting with current parents and grandparents as well as other alumni parents to pray for the needs of our school, families, teachers and community. We meet Tuesday mornings to pray over any requests that are placed in our prayer box which sits on the fireplace mantle in the Eyrie of the High School building. Teachers, staff, students and parents are welcome to deposit prayer requests. Prayer needs can have a name attached or can be submitted anonymously. We also pray for school events, our athletes and coaches, school board and

**Tuesdays
8:20-10:00**

administration and our alumni. We love to pray!

We are thankful for the PTF which provides funds that allow us to offer childcare during our weekly prayer meetings. Parents with toddlers are welcome! Current student and alumni parents as well as grandparents are invited to join us anytime you are free on Tuesday mornings. Drop in to drop off your prayer request, and stay for a cup of coffee and biscotti and join us in prayer. Come and go as needed anytime between 8:20-10 am Tuesday mornings in the Eyrie.



Luke 18:1 says **“Pray always and don’t give up.”** We thank our LORD for the privilege we have to pray openly and freely at VCS and we thank him for his faithfulness in hearing and answering our prayers.

By Marlis Walter (parent of VCS alumni 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2015)

The Principal Perspectives

"Remembering the Faithfulness of God"



By Cheryl Nurse,
Elementary Principal

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands."
Deuteronomy 7:9

In life, there are times when our trust in God is tested. It's during those times that we need to rest on the faithfulness of God. God's faithfulness means that He always does the right thing in every situation. It also means He'll never fail to meet a promise. Although circumstances change, the Lord and His Word remain the same.

Most recently my foundation of trust was shaken.

Back in October, during a routine doctor's visit, some abnormalities were found in my blood work. A month and half later my doctor ordered additional lab work, as well as an ultrasound to check my liver. During the ultrasound, my liver appeared to be healthy, but something showed up on my right kidney. A CAT scan revealed an 8 cm mass growing on my kidney. Surgery was immediately scheduled to remove the mass as well as the right kidney. The surgery was successful and the pathology report

showed that it was Stage 2 cancer. Because of early

detection, the surgeon was able to completely remove the tumor without any signs that the cancer had spread.

Throughout my life, I have learned that nothing happens by chance to the children of God. It has been through the most difficult times of my life that I have clearly seen the faithfulness of God. Prior to

surgery, I was visiting with a close family friend. He commented on how calm I appeared (something that is not within my human nature). At that moment I, too, was surprised that I wasn't feeling anxious. I can only attribute that to the faithfulness of God as well the prayers of so many.

I was once again reminded that God is faithful and true to his promises. That's who he is. What should be done in light of this understanding? Trust him. What does that look like in our day to day lives? It looks like obedience. It means taking him at his word and doing what his

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word says. It means persevering in prayer. It means being prepared to speak and interact in ways that are contrary to the world's priorities.

Finally, it means meditating on God's Word: *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*
Lamentations 3:22-23



The Principal Perspectives

“Our First Ministry is to Our Family”



By Jon Hawkins,
JH/HS Principal

Years ago a friend of mine invited me to partner with him in a ministry he wanted to start. Although interested, I told my friend that not only was I busy with my ministry at school but there were five people I was discipling. He looked at me, curious to know who these people were. As I named off my four children and my wife his look changed from curiosity to disregard. However, as a husband and father one of my first areas of discipleship should be to the members of my own family.

John the Baptist was to prepare the way for Jesus by turning “the hearts of the fathers to their children” (Malachi 4:6). In

Ephesians 6:4 it instructs fathers to bring up our children in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Jesus’ last words to the disciples in Matthew 28:19-20 were to “go and make disciples.” In that same passage Jesus also gives us an

insight about what making disciples involves, He breaks it down to two things:

- Baptizing them
- Teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded

As a father (or parent) one of my main jobs is to disciple my children, which means to teach them to obey; obey my voice and to obey the voice of Jesus in their heart.

Throughout Scripture obedience is of great importance, yet it seems that our society, and we as parents, often make excuses for why children can’t (or won’t) obey.

Teaching our children to love God and obey is one of the best gifts we can give them for success spiritually, academically and socially.



The Hawkins family from left to right: Laddie, Christopher, Lorie, Daniel and Katherine, Jon and Andrew. Circa 2015.

Alumni Spotlight

Miller Family Testimony

By Greg & Aleta Miller

Greetings from the Miller family! Both of our children, Bryce and Jessi, graduated from VCS.

Bryce graduated in 1998 and went on to receive his degree in Journalism from the University of Montana. He then traveled to China with ELIC (English Language Institute of China) to teach English and has been there 14 years. He married Kay, a wonderful Chinese woman, and they reside in Beijing.

Jessi graduated from VCS in 2001 and went on to receive her Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Montana and is currently working on her Doctorate from the University of Utah. She lives in Helena with her husband, Jon, and son, Jack.

Greg, who taught P.E. and coached basketball and cross country at Valley, is retired and enjoying life.

Aleta had an important (she likes to think ☺) position at VCS also. She was instrumental in helping launch the espresso bar, which Jessi says was essential to her graduating.



Valley Christian School has had a huge impact on our lives and the lives of our children. Academically, they received a great foundation for their future studies, and most importantly, VCS reinforced the spiritual principles and values we taught our children at home.

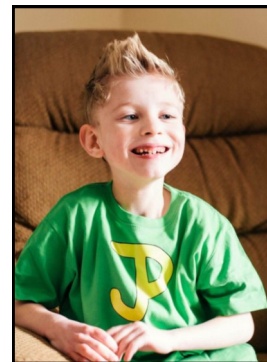
(What the Millers didn't share in this brief interview is the amazing impact this family is having in so many avenues. Besides Bryce's work in China, Jon impacts our state government through legal services, and Jessi uses her talents in photography and writing to recognize women who live in Montana and impact others. Plus, they write books which help our world know how to be an understanding friend to those who may be different from us. Check out these links below!

Thanks for using your gifts, Miller family!)

<https://www.instagram.com/womenunderthebigsky/>
www.lifewithjack.com



From left to right: Jon & Jessi Bennion, Greg & Aleta, Kay and Bryce.



Miracle Jack, born at 23 weeks, is thriving despite physical difficulties.



The Bennions share their life's perspective about disabilities through a series of children's books.

Staff Spotlight

Lorie Hawkins



By Kelsey Loveall
JH Teacher

Lorie is an enthusiastic, hardworking, no-nonsense kind of teacher. As my fellow Junior-Higher-partner-in-crime, she is a fantastic co-worker to bounce ideas off of, ask a million questions to about how the school runs (which she always graciously answers with a smile!), and commiserate with when we can't figure out why we just can't speak "Jr High"! When dealing with a mutual issue regarding a student, I am always struck with her empathy and compassion towards our kiddos

(it's gotta be a mom-thing!).

Lorie is patient and even-keel (good thing since she's paired with her opposite in those regards!). Back when she had her knee surgery in the fall, she laboriously crutched her way up and down the halls, not once complaining

or showing any indication of frustration about her situation (Incidentally, crutching on linoleum floors is a great "cat bell" - I could always track her comings and goings to and from her classroom, and my was she an active teacher despite only having 1 ½ legs to stand on!).

Lorie has been nothing but a blessing to me since we moved



This is how we all feel about Mrs. Hawkins as a teacher: Wow! Hilarious! A bit scary!

here. Her words of encouragement and gifts of slices of apple pie have been very much appreciated by this recent Montana-transfer. If everything goes kaputz in my classroom, I know that I always have my helpful neighbor next door to help me figure out how to put the pieces back together again.

From The Bleachers



By Rory Christiaens
JH/HS Athletic Director
"Proud to be an Eagle"

It is hard to believe that as I am writing this report, the basketball season is drawing to an end and we are only a few short weeks away from the start of the Spring Sports season.

Coach Cindy Baugher fielded a very young team of Lady Eagles this basketball season. Their ranks included three juniors, two sophomores, three freshman and four 8th graders. The Lady Eagles dealt with many injuries and setbacks over the course of the season.

They hung together and never gave up and began playing their best at the end of the season capping off their regular season schedule with a 53-34 non-conference win over the Mission Lady Bulldogs. I am very proud of Coach Baugher, her staff and the team for their hard work and perseverance. With such a young crew I am optimistic for their future.

The Eagles Boys Basketball



Team has experienced their most successful regular season in school history and sprinted to a 17-1 record. They continued



their success with a run to the championship at the District 13C Tournament. They now await their first opponent in the Western C Divisional Tournament where the top two teams will punch their ticket to the State Tournament. It has been an exciting season and we hope that Coach Hill's Eagles can make some history in what has already been a historic school year athletically.

Congratulations to the Lady Eagles!! They endured a season with many challenges and fought hard to the end. And congratulations to the boys finishing third in the Divisional Tournament!

Gift from the Heart

By Rory Christiaens
JH/HS Athletic Director
"Proud to be an Eagle"

This winter the VCS gym received a much needed facelift in the form of new gym mats and a new scorer's table. These new implements include our new sports logos too. The mats and new scorer's table added much to the game day atmosphere in the gym and the students were so excited at the new addition.

The entire VCS community owes the Olson Family (Dave and Jeanine) much gratitude for the generous donation in honor of their son Trevor. For many years VCS students, coaches and community are going to enjoy this wonderful gift.

The new mats and table were dedicated on February 9th at the last home basketball of the 2016 season. During that ceremony our captains presented to the



crowd a plaque honoring the memory of Trevor Olson and it reads:

"The entire VCS Community expresses our heartfelt gratitude to the Olson Family for their generosity and treasured gift to the school. In Trevor's memory and with his love for the game we will Play On!"



In Memoriam

Russell Hicks & Aana Elsen Blalock

Many students have walked through the halls of VCS and each one has taken something and left his or her mark.

This winter we have felt the loss of two graduates who have left legacies that certainly honor God and enriched others.

On December 1, 2015, Russell Hicks, a 1996 VCS graduate, went to be with the Lord following a stroke. He was a minister of the gospel in the local community by serving as the Vice-president of the Friends of Valley Christian organization, an AWANA leader, the treasurer of The Exchange Club, and a board member at The Parenting Place.

Aana Elsen Blalock, a 1997 VCS graduate, finished her race on Earth on Monday, January 25, 2016. She had a global impact through her ministries by accompanying her husband on his Air Force career assignments.

Both of these young adults served God in powerful ways and impacted more people than we know. Here are some of the remembrances of those missed dearly:



Russell's heart leaned toward God all of his life because of the wonderful influence of a Christian family. The impact of VCS solidified good training from his home. Russell wanted nothing more than to obey God and be found doing His work when He called him home. And that was the case!

Russell wrote as a senior, "I know that if I stay with God everything will be exactly how it should be and this is my only hope." What powerful words to comfort his family in this season of separation: everything is as how God would direct.

Before God called Russell to his eternal home, he had sent an email praising God for securing the site to hold the Friends of Valley Christian 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament fundraiser to be held in May. Russell was at work and at worship to the end of his days.

"Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).



"Aana's life would have looked very different without the quiet support, and encouragement of her husband, Jack, her "Knight in Shining Armor", who gave her the freedom to live an uncommonly welcoming and transparent life. Real Life. Life in Christ." (Remarks composed by Aana's Dad, Andrew Elsen.)

"When I was a freshman, I came to the realization that it wasn't just Jesus who had to be my friend, I had to be his friend too." (Aana's words from high school.)

"Over these last few years she has continued to be an encourager to me even as she went through her battles. I can think of a dozen times when something Aana wrote on Caring Bridge or Facebook encouraged me, challenged me, brought me closer to the Lord. Jack, if I could give her an award right now, it would be the same one her teammates gave her 20 years ago – ENCOURAGER." (Shared by Clint Morey, former principal at VCS.)

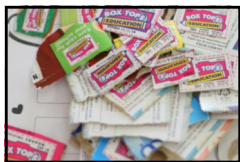
PTF Projects:

Library, Lockers, Cricut, Eagle Walk

By Lindsey Wise,
PTF Member

Raise Money—

We kicked off fundraising this year with a yard sale and booth at the Prairie Sisters Vintage Market, chocolate and butter braid sales, and hosting the Candy Cane Christmas Craft Fair. Also, we are selling VCS license plate frames in the North Office for \$10.



Another ongoing project the PTF heads up is the Box Tops for education program. Clip box tops, collect a bunch, and then turn them in to VCS. Each BoxTop is worth 10 cents. This year we have raised over \$700 so far, and hope to make an even \$1000 by the end of the year.

Meet Needs—

This BoxTop money is going toward the purchase of a Cricut cutting machine, including multiple cartridges and lots of fun card stock for making bulletin boards and projects. For more information and a list of all the products with Box Tops labels, go to boxtops4education.com.



A big project PTF elected to take on is the updating of the school library. We have purchased a new computer, new chairs, a VHS to DVD converter and a new TV equipped with Apple TV which will allow our librarian to put books up on the screen while she is reading to the children. We also plan to rearrange the space in the library to make for a nice reading corner and equip Mrs. Scheider, the librarian with a generous donation to purchase new books! Be on the lookout for a school wide email with the details on how you can volunteer.



Our second major project will be new lockers for the junior high and high school. It was a unanimous decision to raise the funds to purchase brand new lockers! We are currently taking bids from interested contractors for the assembly and installation of the new lockers we plan to purchase. This project will take place over the summer.

Pull Together —

At the end of the school year the PTF hosts the Eagle Walk and Summer Kick Off. Mark your calendars for June 2. It takes many volunteers for this event, so let us know if you can help.

In the morning the students hit the gym for 30 minutes to see how many laps they can make. Their sponsors have pledged to make donations accordingly.

Third Wednesdays
2 pm in the Eyrie

Students are working toward prizes and everyone wins on

this fun-filled day.

In the afternoon we have Summer Kick off: lunch, ice cream and bouncy houses to keep everyone having fun throughout the day! If you would like to be a volunteer at this event for any part of the day, contact the school office, and the event coordinator will give you a call to set it all up!

All of Us —

If you would like to be a part of the ongoing projects the PTF has, you can join us at our monthly meetings every third Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. Free childcare is available to anyone wanting to come!

Looking Ahead

Mon.
Mar. 14th



PRESENTS

MICHAEL JR. IN CONCERT

WHEN

Monday March 14, 2016

SHOW BEGINS AT 6:30PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

WHERE

Valley Christian School
2526 Sunset Lane
Missoula, Montana

TICKETS

get your tickets at

Garden of Read'n
2621 Brooks Street
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Faith Challenge Celebration

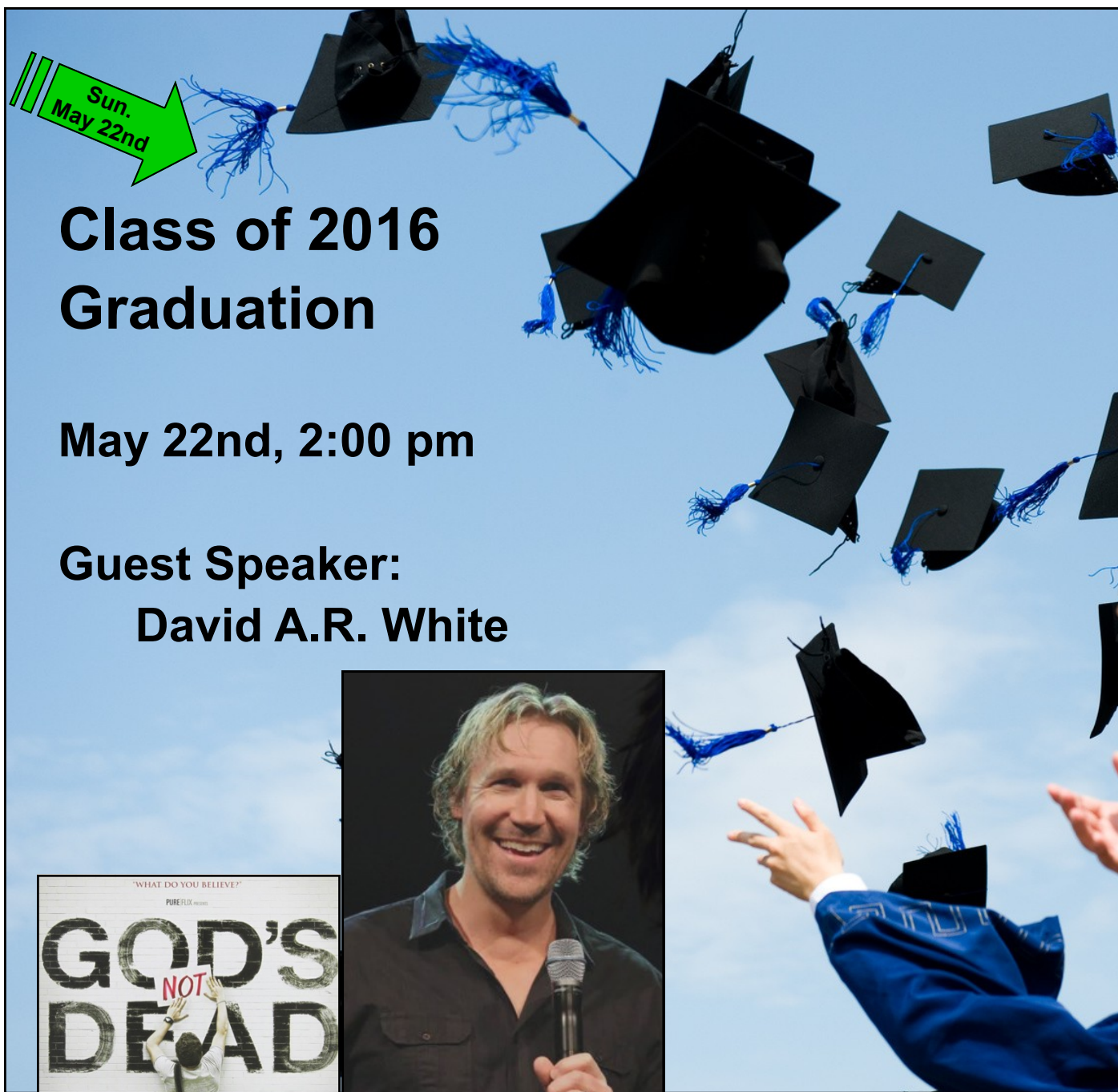
April 7th, 6:30 pm

T.C. Stallings (War Room) is the
Guest Speaker



FOR YOU ARE MY
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PSALM 31:3

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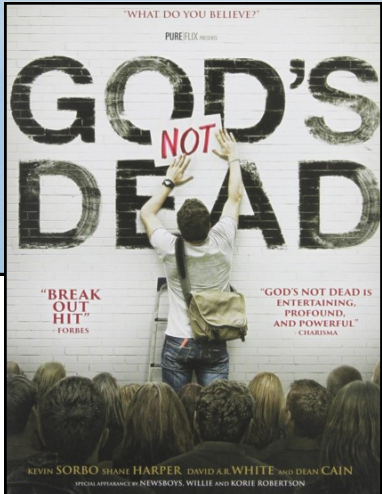



**Sun.
May 22nd**

Class of 2016 Graduation

May 22nd, 2:00 pm

**Guest Speaker:
David A.R. White**



Looking Up

Vision Screening

By Lori Levine, School Nurse & PE Teacher

On Wednesday February 10th, the Downtown Lions Club provided VCS with a free vision screening for all students. Per the Department of Education, this screening serves as a safety net for our students who might not have regular access to primary care.

A vision screening also serves to ensure that academic success is not impacted by a missed

diagnosis. It is important to detect vision problems early to help ensure normal eyesight development.



This efficient little device measures good vision.

We are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have The Lions Club help us establish a new annual

service as part of the care we provide our students. They have committed to providing the vision screening equipment each year for this service.

The screening takes approxi-

mately 15 seconds to perform on each student and allows the school nurse to see which students need to be referred for further evaluation. The parameters triggering a referral are set by a local eye doctor. No permanent records of the screening are kept.



Looking Outward

Guatemala Bound

By Kristel Koukoua, Spanish Teacher & Trip Coordinator

A handful of our young ladies are heading to a small village north of Guatemala City near the end of May for a week to serve at the Destiny of Hope Orphanage with my long-time missionary friend



Norma Hunt.

The vision for serving is to help relieve the full-time care nurses by working in rotation caring for these high-needs babies.

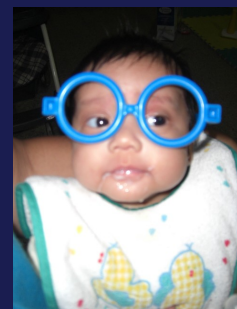
Due to the outbreak of the Zika virus which causes birth defects in unborn children, I will be prayerfully passing off the trip leadership.

Each girl needs to raise an estimated \$2,000 in support, in

addition to prayer covering for the trip. You can follow the trip progress at the trip's blog at <https://vcsmissions.wordpress.com/>.

If you desire to help send the girls, checks may be made out to VCS with Guatemala written on the memo line.

¡Mil gracias, y Dios te bendiga!



Honor Roll

Semester 1 of 2015-2016

High School

Highest Honor Roll (4.0+)

Zachary Baugher
Naiya Beaudin
Kyra Glidewell
Andrew Hawkins
Kelcie Hill
Klara Isbell
Cheyenne Jones
Aidan McCloy
Casey Reimer

Honor Roll (3.5-3.9)

Brenden Allen
Carson Baker
Christopher Beckett
Trey Christiaens
Caleb Colwell
Josie Cross
Anna DeCan
Laddie Hawkins
Emma Hiltz
Cameron Ireland
Kaytlin Kelly
Savannah Kuntz
Thomas Lawlor
Nic Luoma
Phillip Manuel
Diana Stearns
Larissa Sweet
Lianna Sweet
Ben Tuinstra

Junior High

Highest Honor Roll (4.0+)

Abby Allen
Joshua Baugher
Mariah Bohlken
Morgan Brewer
Everett Fred
Micah McCloy

Honor Roll (3.5-3.9)

Erika Allen
Italy Braun
Elisa Colwell
Mackenzie Dierking
Katelynn Fuller
Lanessa Gedney
Will Hartzell
Trinity Henry
Caidin Hill
Eva Isbell
Amelia Kim
Taylor Munoz
Naomi Murphy
Kiela Rumph
Timothy Stearns

*"Give instruction
to a wise man,
and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man,
and he will
increase in learning."*

Proverbs 9:9

*"But as for you,
continue in what you
have learned and
have firmly believed,
knowing from whom
you learned it."*

II Timothy 3:14

*"Let the wise hear
and increase
in learning, and the one
who understands
obtain guidance"*

Proverbs 9:9

Spring Sports Update

Tennis Team Information

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>OPPONENT:</u>	<u>START TIME:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>
April 5 th	Troy (A)	2:30 p.m.	THS
April 8 th	Superior (H)	1:00 p.m. (Girls only)	Playfair
	Loyola (A)	1:00 p.m.	Playfair
April 9 th	Stevensville (A)	9:00 a.m.	SHS Courts
	Libby (A)	12:00 noon	Corvallis (CHS)
April 12 th	Darby (A)	12:00 noon	Corvallis
	Corvallis (A)	4:00 p.m.	CHS
April 14 th	Anaconda (H)	12:00 noon	Fort Missoula
	Granite (H)	4:00 p.m. (Girls only)	Fort Missoula
April 16 th	LSH Tourney	10:00 a.m.	Playfair
April 19 th	Bigfork (H)	1:00 p.m.	Playfair
	Mission (H)	4:00 p.m.	Playfair
April 21 st	Ronan (H)	1:00 p.m.	Fort Missoula
April 26 th	Darby (H)	12:00 noon	Fort Missoula
	Loyola (H)	4:00 p.m.	Fort Missoula
May 3 rd	Anaconda (A)	12:00 noon	Washoe Park
	Granite (A)	4:00 p.m. (Girls only)	GCHS
May 6 th	Missoula Duals (H)	12:00 noon.	Playfair / Fort
May 7 th	Missoula Invite (H)	9:00 a.m.	Playfair / Fort
May 12 th -13 th	Divisional Tennis Tournament		Fort Missoula
May 19 th -21 st	State Tennis Tournament		Playfair / PEAK



Newsflash: The Deep South It's Happening

By Laurie Job,
Ancient Business Teacher
(Older than the Deep South)

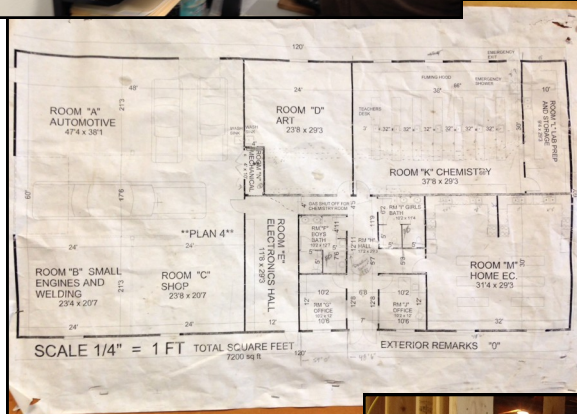
The Deep South (as the southern-most building on the VCS campus has been affectionately called) is under construction once again.

The foundation was poured in 2003; the exterior completed in 2004. And we have waited on God for the completion funds of \$250K. God guided that money to VCS through donations. It's you, our faithful donors, who funded this project! And we say;

Thank You!!!

This fall the PTF held numerous garage sales and dispersed the excess school items to worthy sources. Jim Centifanto was recently hired as the Project Manager to oversee the scheduling, progress, and completion of the Deep South. And now there is steady activity

as permits, bids, contracts, and of course laboring to get this building operational by next school year.



Most recently, Systems Northwest, has been in the building roughing-in the fire alarm and communication systems. And the SNW crew has some longstanding connections to VCS.

The Project Manager for Systems Northwest is Peter Kushner, 2001 alumnus, married to Joy (2001 grad as well) and parent to Audree, a 5th grader at VCS, and Paxton, a toddler. The Senior Field Technician is David



Nunnally, 2004 alumnus, married to Whitney and they are parents of Aven, 2nd grader at VCS, and Judah and Silas.

While the outside does not appear to be changing much, except the constant comings and goings of the crews, the inside is being transformed into a chemistry lab, art room, home economics classroom, welding and small engines shops, office space and a family friendly weight room!

Details coming as progress continues.

