

Knight News

Good Work

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Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus offers a revealing insight into the purpose of humankind. After reminding us that we are God's workmanship, Paul claims God has prepared for us a very particular task. As humans, and especially as Christians, God has created us for good works (Ephesians 2:10). This, Paul declares, is what it means to walk in the way in Christ Jesus. In fact, in Paul's writing there is no phrase that occurs more frequently than "good works".

It is this notion of good works that serves as an appropriate description of the first quarter of our school year here at Columbia Christian Schools. Alongside of all that occurs in our classrooms, CCS parents, students, friends and staff have been involved in everything from hosting Family Fun Knight to painting and refinishing the gym lobby to serving at the Oregon Food Bank, demonstrating the desire of the CCS community to walk in the good works God has prepared for us.

In this issue of the *Knight News* we would like to recognize several of those good works occurring on our campus and within our local community. Big or small, we believe these works are works of the kingdom. And we invite you to join with us in celebrating these acts of service.

On a personal note, I wish to thank each of you, parents, students, friends and staff alike, for your dedication to good work on behalf of God's Kingdom here at Columbia. CCS flourishes because of your service. May God bless you as you continue in the good works He has prepared for you. It is for this very purpose, Paul declares, you were created.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10) ✍



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 13 - Veterans' and Grandparents' Day Program**
- November 14 - CCS' 17th Annual Auction**
- November 19 - 22 Drama Production**
- November 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL**
- December 5 - Choir Holiday Bazaar**
- December 9 - Elementary Honor Chapel**
- December 11 - HS Music Program and Spaghetti Dinner**
- December 14 - 18 Spirit Week**
- December 18 - Homecoming Pep Rally**
- December 21 - January 1 Christmas Vacation**
- January 4 - BACK TO SCHOOL**

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Drama Update


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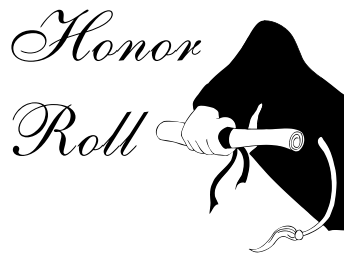


For the last twelve years of my life, fall has held one key meaning for me: the beginning of a new theatre season. This year is no exception, and I am excited to share with you what this season is going to look like.

Our fall production, *Treasure Island*, is particularly exciting for myself and my students. We have been rehearsing since the beginning of October, and I can already tell that this is going to be a great show. While our actors are excited about the sword fighting and sea chanties, I'm excited to see them learning to use various accents from the British Isles. Above all of this, though, I'm really excited for you to see one of our youngest casts stage this classic show. Dates are set for the third weekend of November, and tickets go on sale November 2nd.

Ordinarily, that previous paragraph would summarize the fall drama schedule. However, we have one surprise up our sleeve this year. On December 3rd, the Columbia Drama Department will be putting on our first Coffee House. For one night, we will transform the drama room into a coffee shop, and provide our guests with live entertainment ranging from acoustic music to improvisational comedy. Three dollars pays for your admission and first hot beverage.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the upcoming spring musical. While I'm not fully prepared to divulge the secret of which show we'll be doing (I'll let my students spill the beans), I am more than happy to tell you that it celebrates the 1950's. And it's not *Grease*. 



Elementary Honor Chapel

September 2009

Class in charge: 6th Grade
Theme: Integrity - Daniel

Junior Kindergarten
Dawson Vensel

First Grade
Alexis Davis
Jacob Moody

Second Grade
Kegan Fox
Merek Hailey
Cassidy Deyoe

Third Grade
Cory Ewry
Brooklyn Davis

Fourth Grade
Andrew Stark
Brett Houston

Fifth Grade
Riley Davis
Simon Grishkevich

Sixth Grade
Sophia Voronov

October 2009

Class in charge: 1st Grade
Theme: Loyalty - Esther

JR Kindergarten
Daisy Williams

Kindergarten
Isabel Martinez

First Grade
Max Miller
Angelina Mlejnek

Second Grade
Cameron Stark
Grace Hankins
Andrew Yakubovich

Third Grade
Noah Herring
Saylor Dukes

Fourth Grade
Nicolas Aguilar
Grace Canfield

Fifth Grade
Sasha Voronov
Levi Davis

You are invited to attend the 17th Annual CCS Auction, "Visions of Sugar Plums," on Saturday, November 14th, at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR, 97220. The evening will include dinner, a silent and oral auction, and an opportunity to spend time with friends - starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 each and available in the school office.



Student Poetry

—by Luke Simmons, English 10

IT'S GOOD FOR SOMETHING

The fire crackles in its place
Of ice there is now not a trace
I'm thankful for this blazing grace

This fire almost dies today
But this poem I write as here I lay
It burns so well, it saves the day.

IT WAS LATE, AND I WAS VERY TIRED

The hawk grabs hold with talon toes
And quite triumphantly it crows
As it grips the poet's nose

People pass this squawking din
As neither bird nor nose gives in
But poems are delayed, and that's a win 📝

Appreciation Corner

We appreciate all our volunteers and apologize if we have left anyone out. Our staff members compiled this list of recent volunteers. We are grateful for all that you do!

Painting and refinishing floors in gym building
– Jeff Womack

Summer classroom painting and set-up –
DeAnn Womack, Jennifer Jones, Heidi Bradford,
Ernie Houston, Christine Ray, Mollie Williams,
and several other parents and students

Hot Lunch assistance – Christine Ray and Heidi Bradford

Family Fun Knight – many families helped with this event but we want to especially thank Frank and Christine Ray, Jill Lewis, Elizabeth Wetherald, Malena Smith, Michael Messing, Mollie Williams, Glen Aus, Laine Ewry, Dan Canfield, Mike and Ally Keo, June Anderson, Chris Dunning, and Sharon Simmons

Office Assistance – Lori Davis, Jill Lewis, Wendy Brost and Koni Cash

Locker Cleaning – Richard Vu

Choir Retreat Volunteers – Angie Siler, Emily Siler, Sharon Houte, Sara Gillihan, Laine Aus,

Chalon Onsomu, Mollie Williams, Chad Murphy, Terry Skinner, and John Heck

Library – Dale Toll helps usually 3 days a week and has been doing so for many years.

Jog-A-Thon helpers:

Lunch – Tracey Dukes, Dave Astin, Anna Carter, Malena Smith, Dan Vensel, Joel Davis, Jill Lewis and CJ Lane, and all the parents and grandparents who sent food
At the track – Ernie Houston, Christy Barrett, Bill Hunt, Randy Siler, Darla Bennett, Carlene Siler, Lynette Flint, Kevin Reed, Debby Henry, Kathy Mummert, Tammy Stark, Chau Tran and many others.

Snack Shack & Friday

Breakfast – Angie and Emily Siler

Class service projects with Mrs. Dawkins

Elementary Helpers:

JrK: Heather Laber

Kindergarten: Lyuba Kaydalin, Jen McPartland, Yelena Skobkarev, Lynette Flint, Yulinda Highsmith, Brenda Johnson, Steve Martinez

1st grade: Heather Laber, Cheri Davis, Cherri Warnke, Jan Moody, and fieldtrip chaperones

2nd grade: Christy Barrett, Janet and Bob Hailey, Anne-Marie Johnson, Larisa Kiselev, Becky Hankins, Don Freeman, Kathy Mummert, Yevgenia Yakubovich, Long Nguyen, and Rylie Korton's grandma

3rd grade: Zoo Trip: Debby Henry, Cheri Davis, Steve Martinez, Tracey Dukes;

Classroom help: Cheri Davis
4th grade: Kerry Aguilar, Dan Canfield, Delia Chis, Ernie Houston, Tam Pham, Hien Nguyen, Sharon Plumlee, Christine Ray, Tammy Stark, Cherri Warnke, Brain Traugher

5th grade: Classroom project – Lori Davis, Carmen Fatama; Field Trips – Sofya Grishkevich, Sharon Plumlee, Mark Smith, Olga Voronov, Elizabeth Wetherald

6th grade: Outdoor School – Melissa Kolb, Jessica Marler, Ben Meaders, and Michael Hickman

Memorial Gifts

Elmer Maxwell: Edna and Lois Maxwell, Dr. Tim Tucker;

Marian Smith: Jim and Alice Smith, Jean and Kathy Etchemedy, Bill and Beverly Van Horn, Barbara Fiske; **Arline**

Holliday: Jim and Alice Smith; **Frankie Emberlin:** Harold and Patricia Rawlins, Lela Mae

Higgins, Allen and Vickie Gard, Frances Emberlin, Barbara Brown, Norma Johnson, Arlene Thieman, William and Therese Emberlin, W.P.E. Inc., Darlene Johnson, Marcia and John Stillwell, Donald and Dorrie Clark, Don McNeil, John Emmons;

Wally Preuitt: Betty Mullins, Jim Smith, Terry and Cynthia English;

David Stevenson: James and Marilyn Dwyer, Lillian Hodges, Warren and Maxine Morehouse, B.E. Landreth, Roger and Eleanor Anderson, William and Betty Ely, Del and Doma Junker, Troy and Linda Sheridan, Raymond and Betty Boomgarden, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Olson, Glenn and

Margarete Fishbeck, Marian and Linda Stinchfield, Y.J. Stevenson, Ardis Drougemiller; **Margie Wells:** Edwin Black; **Dave Davis:** Marian Smith, Alice Smith, Jim Smith



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When you buy bricks, you help leave a legacy of Christian education for future generations.

Columbia Christian Schools has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase the campus and buildings of the former Cascade College. Buying bricks in the ***Walk of Faith*** will help raise the funds necessary to make this dream a reality, keeping Christian education alive for future generations of Portland-area children. To get involved, visit the CCS website (www.ColumbiaChristian.com) and find "***Walk of Faith***" under the "***Giving***" tab.

One CCS alumna shares about her participation in the campaign:

"As an alum of Columbia Christian College, I have often told others, especially my children, that I have been drinking out of the well of my Columbia experience for over 30 years. There are many reasons the reservoir is still so deep but two of the standouts are JP Sanders and Dr. June Breninger. In 1975-80 they modeled for me what it meant to be strong, stable, humble Christians. Now, they live on as those who invested deeply in me and changed me forever. I am honored to purchase a brick that bears their precious names." —Katie Ford Turner

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