



The KNIGHTLY NEWS

Columbia Christian School • PreK-12th Grade

Fall 2018

Important Dates:

November 27-28:
*Oklahoma Christian University
Preview Trip for Seniors*

November 28:
Elementary Chapel

November 29:
Moms in Prayer

December 5:
Combined Chapel

December 12:
Elementary Honor Chapel

December 12:
Christmas Vocal Program

December 15:
Alumni Open Gym

December 17:
Winter Band Concert

December 17-20:
H.S. Spirit Week

December 18:
*Homecoming &
Alumni Reception*

December 24-January 4:
Christmas Break

January 9:
Combined Chapel

[See full Columbia Calendar](#)

Board Member Spotlight

Growing up in Prineville, Oregon, Anne Deidrich learned the value of relationship with both God and family at an early age. Her earliest memories are centered around the bond her family shared and strengthened through various experiences such as camping trips, swim meets, and road trips. She also recalls attending church camps as a child, strengthening her relationship with God alongside her family. Anne first came to this campus as a college student, attending Columbia Christian College and Cascade College.

Her career at Columbia began because of the connections she had with the school through her brother, Jason Housley. Anne and her husband felt the importance of a Christian education for their children, so Columbia became their school home. Speaking of her kids, Anne says, "There is no greater responsibility than to ensure that there is the right spiritual example for children." Anne has dedicated herself to being a "light of His grace and goodness" to all around her.

Dedication to Christ does not always come overnight, and once in a while faith can feel rocked. Over a decade ago, Anne experienced an unexpected loss that led to a challenging personal journey. While so upset with God for having to go through it, she also realized He was the only one that she could turn to in order to give her hope. It was through the crying out and pleas to God that He opened her eyes to what He can do. Her early pain was remedied only through the love and faithfulness of Christ, leading her to fully rely on Him. Anne recognizes that God, in His goodness, has blessed her with increased strength, deeper faith, and a strong conviction that He will see her through even the darkest of times.

Anne is currently serving her second year as a Board Member at Columbia. Anne is a Senior Manager of National Compliance and Regional Engagement at Kaiser Permanente. When not at work, Anne enjoys the many wonders of Oregon. She takes advantage of the wide range of activities available here, such as hiking the trails and exploring the coast. Through her commitment to the work of God and Columbia, Anne continues to help to work towards that goal of spreading the light.

-Written by Saylor Dukes, H.S. Senior



Grateful. Thankful. Blessed.



We give thanks to the teachers of Columbia, inspiring students to always do their best.

We give thanks to all the students and alumni who stand strong and make a difference.

We give thanks for the original vision of L.D. Webb to shine a light in the Pacific Northwest.

May you be inspired this #GivingTuesday and be a light to Columbia.

Please help us to reach our goal of \$50,000 by December 31, 2018. Go online to <https://secure.ggiv.org/for/cclchrsch/> or text [shinethelight](https://www.shinethelight.org) to 50155.

Public School Background: A Testimony

I was in seventh grade, standing at the public school bus stop before school.

"Who is your favorite singer?"

Standard middle school conversation surrounded me.

"Michael Jackson."

Another: "Whitney Houston."

The question finally made it around to me.

I considered the popular options, but in the end, I went with the truth, "Sandi Patti."

The fog hung thickly in the air and so did the silence before the laughter began. It didn't take much to become the target of a group of kids, and I had just painted the bullseye on my forehead. I was teased all morning as I got onto the bus, and on into class, where I witnessed the whispers and felt the stares. My faith set me apart, but that's exactly how I felt: not-a-part.

I attended public school from Kindergarten through 12th grade. While I listened in youth group about school being a mission field, my experience was more "being eaten by sharks" than "winning people over for the Lord." I was still just a child and found myself overwhelmed in an environment that wasn't welcoming to Christians.

My graduating class was over 400 students. In high school, I signed up for color guard as a means to have an extracurricular activity where I could fit in. It was unclear to me when I ticked this elective box all that I would be signing up for. It turns out, color guard was a high level of cost and commitment. When we weren't performing at halftime with the band for football games, we were headed to different schools around California for competitions. Turns out that "flag-waving" was taken quite seriously by our instructors and judges. I'll never forget as a freshman when the bus pulled into the parking lot for our first onsite competition and we were told to get changed. Looking around, it took about five minutes for it to dawn on me that they weren't coming to take us to bathrooms or a locker room, they meant to get changed on the co-ed bus, right in our seats. For the sake of modesty, I learned to wear a full-body unitard under my clothes, no matter the weather.

My squad knew that I was a Christian, but I wasn't a kind one, I was just a stubborn one. I was that strange girl who

carried her Bible to school with few friends who ate lunch in the band room. It was too late to start playing soccer or basketball or volleyball because the coaches only wanted the players that were groomed much earlier, especially when they had so many students to choose from. I yearned for relationships with peers who shared my faith and for opportunities to "belong."



Getting ready on the bus.

Fast forward many years to my first experiences with Columbia Christian. My stepdaughters graduated from CCHS in 2014 in a class of 18 students and my stepson is a 2017 grad who had 30 in his class. Even with my public school experience, I was skeptical

of the idea of private school and pre-judged the culture. But as I continued to attend events with the school as a spectator, I began to see what the difference was here. I like to say that Columbia Christian "won me over." Over time, I witnessed things like: extreme confidence in students, a high level of student inclusion, and unlikely friendships form. It became apparent that kids were growing in the Lord and in personal responsibility. I watched students

encouraged to participate in sports and activities, even without prior experience. Once, my husband leaned over to me and whispered "you would have thrived at a school like this." Without wallowing in too much regret over things that can't be changed, I agreed with him.

Over the years, I've witnessed the care from staff and faculty for each and every student – equipping them to stand on their own two feet and confidently go out into the world rooted in Christ. But it's not

only the students who benefit from the Columbia culture. I suffered a personal tragedy in 2015, and when I look back at the people who reached out and cared for me, they all had ties to Columbia Christian (either the current school or the former college). It is because of the kind of people I saw at Columbia that fueled my desire to work here, first in admissions and now marketing. I wanted to help compel families with kids currently in situations like mine long ago to choose a different path. This campus truly has a legacy of Christian servant-leaders in faith, character, and academics.



Tawny Barbarick is contracted by Columbia Christian to perform marketing and graphic design duties. She was pleased to share her story for this publication.

Q1 Staff Changes

1st Grade: Jody Brouwer



Mrs. Brouwer received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Concordia University, holds an Oregon teaching license, and will receive her ACSI certification in just a few short weeks. Prior to completing her degree, Mrs. Brouwer was an assistant preschool teacher at Goddard School, where she developed a love and passion for teaching. While working on her degree, Mrs. Brouwer completed field experience and practicum in a first grade classroom; this affirmed her calling into ministry as an educator. Mrs. Brouwer is thrilled to nurture the hearts of Columbia's children with an excitement for learning and a desire to serve the Lord.

2nd Grade: Zong Moua



Mrs. Moua was born and raised in Denver, Colorado and has lived in the Portland metro area for the last six years. Mrs. Moua is a recent graduate of Concordia University of Portland, where she received her Masters of Arts in Teaching. She also holds an undergraduate degree in Christian Education from Central Christian College in Moberly, Missouri. Mrs. Moua has obtained her Oregon Teaching license, and will get her ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) certification in a few short weeks. Mrs. Moua is passionate about teaching and serving Jesus and is excited to join the work and ministry at Columbia.

Athletics

Athletics is off to a great start this fall! Following are highlights from the high school teams:

Varsity Soccer - The soccer team, which had combined with Portland Christian the past four years, competed this year as a Columbia-only team, fielding 22 players. Columbia fans responded by coming out in numbers to cheer. With a record of 8 wins, 5 losses and 3 ties, the team advanced to the district playoffs, winning two playoff matches and finishing in 5th place. Isaiah Mariscal was voted first team All-League. Dominic Blake, Marcus Doyle, and Avory Lewis were voted Honorable Mention All-League.



Varsity Volleyball - The volleyball team, mostly composed of sophomores, advanced to the league playoff as the 4th place team from the division. They lost the first match to Gaston, which eliminated them from the playoffs. The team had an overall record of 4-16. Sophomore Nicole Bishop was awarded first team All-League.

Cross-Country - Parker Reed and Skyler McKnight were Columbia's only two cross-country runners this year.

WINTER SPORTS

All Athletic events can be found on our school calendar at: <http://www.columbiachristian.com/campus-life/calendar.cfm>

HIGH SCHOOL

Girls Basketball (Coach Kevin Buse, busek@eou.edu)

- Tuesday 11/27 practice 5:30-7:30
- Wednesday 11/28 game at Columbia vs. Westside 6:00
- Thursday 11/29 practice 5:30-7:30
- Friday 11/30 game at Knappa vs OES 4:00
- Saturday 12/1 game at Knappa vs Toledo 12:30

Boys Basketball (Coach Bart Valentine, bvalentine@columbiachristian.com)

- Tuesday 11/27 practice 3:30-5:30
- Wednesday 11/28 practice 3:30-5:30
- Thursday 11/29 practice 3:30-5:30
- Friday 11/30 game at Columbia vs Stevenson, JV 6:00, varsity 7:30

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5th/6th Grade Basketball

Boys Coach Cameron Wetherald: cwetherald@my.multnomah.edu

Girls Coach Kevin Buse: busek@eou.edu

- Tuesday 11/27 girls game at Crossroads vs Meadow Glade 4:00
boys game at Corbett 4:00
- Wednesday 11/28 boys and girls practice at Crossroads 3:40-5:00
- Thursday 11/29 Boys game at Crossroads vs Mayer 4:00, girls no practice

Fall at Columbia Christian in Photos



The Jog-a-thon was another success this year! Elementary students raised \$4,266.



Fall Drama: Clue



Columbia drama students, under the direction of Danielle Valentine, presented six energetic performances of "Clue: Murder Mystery."

Mrs. Dawkins' health classes volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank during the first quarter. After a brief group discussion on reasons for food insecurity, they brainstormed solutions. All scrubbed up and wearing food safety gear, students tackled the assignment to repackage large warehouse bins of whole grain wheat and barley cereal into one-pound portions for distribution. Columbia students packaged 7,132 lbs. of wheat nuggets, which translated into 5,943 meals. Thus, each student fed 77 people. Mrs. Dawkins said the students were focused, efficient, and represented the school well.

High school students perform a choreographed group dance as part of their formal medieval style banquet.



Fall Ball 2018

Consecration Service



Local church elders and ministers gathered to dedicate and bless the Columbia staff and faculty for another year of service for God's kingdom.

MS Color Run



This year was Middle School's First Annual Color Run! The participants were showered with colored powder as they ran. They succeeded in raising over \$5,656 for the school.



Members of our boys and girls basketball teams participated in a service project on 10/29 at the Children's Museum, where they handed out candy and talked with the children who came through.

Veteran's Day Assembly

Kindergarten students gave an inspirational performance of "You're A Grand Old Flag" as part of the annual Veterans Day Program. Many community members enjoyed the student-led program, which included inspirational performances of patriotic songs and informative presentations by elementary, middle, and high school students about the history of Veterans Day and different ways to honor veterans. A moving performance of "God Bless America" by the high school vocal ensemble capped off the program. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts conducted the flag ceremony and distributed gifts to all the veterans in the audience.



Biblical Worldview Classroom Integration: Update

Project 117, the program to equip the faculty at Columbia Christian Schools (CCS) to provide a biblical understanding of all of life with Christ as the integrating core of all truth and experience, is off to a fast and furious start. During the summer of 2018, the entire faculty and administration participated in a three-month online course of engaging dialogue over the most pervasive worldviews that are distracting and confusing Christians—unbeknownst to them.

Over the summer, the Project 117 trainers, Columbia president Marquita Moss and Paul Fisher, academic dean of Harding Academy of Memphis, engaged with the faculty using Google Classroom. The summer coursework culminated in two days of on-site training at CCS. The training included the following topics:

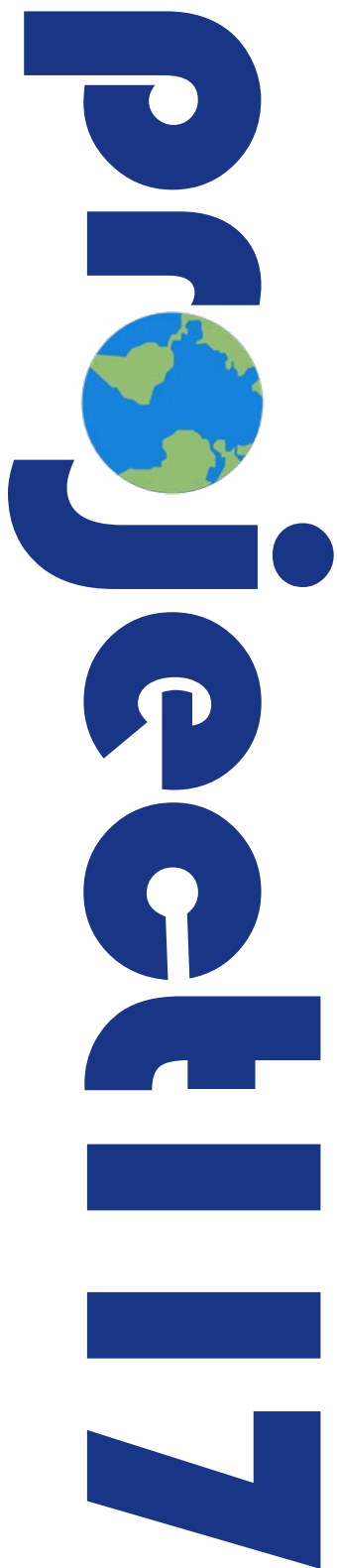
- The powerful impact of worldview and a survey of biblical texts that give parents and teachers the charge to provide children with a biblical lens for interpreting the world and living in it
- Worldview as a propositional conversation
- Worldview as a narrative conversation
- Using a propositional framework for designing curriculum with a biblical worldview
- Using a narrative framework for designing curriculum with a biblical worldview
- Cultivating right desires in students using intentional cultural liturgies or habits in the school and church communities

The faculty has put the first on-site training into practice during the first quarter of the school year, drafting school mission statements and philosophies that will guide the teaching of every content area from a biblical worldview and preparing to reimagine the goals and indicators for core learning in each content area using scripture as the guiding word on what should be taught and how. In January, another full day of on-site training will be provided and will start teachers down the path of writing course objectives that are rooted in and filtered through a biblical view of the content being taught. Christ and his Word are becoming the lens through which students at CCS will see all of life.

Paul Fisher shares about the success of the program, "The impact of Project 117 has been far greater than could have been anticipated. Typically the time it takes to create consensus and enthusiasm throughout a faculty is substantial. It can take years to get traction. God had already prepared the hearts and minds of the CCS faculty for the work ahead. The teachers and administration jumped in with enthusiasm and have been remarkably productive. Christian schools who are ready to be challenged to reimagine what it means to teach Christianly, to let the centrality of Christ to all of life shape the discipling experience, stand ready to nurture and equip the next generation of Kingdom citizens for confident, potent engagement with an increasingly pagan culture. As CCS and other schools embrace the work of biblical worldview integration, parents will find that they have a powerful ally in fulfilling the shema of Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and in making disciples of and ambassadors for Christ in a hostile and deceptive cultural context."

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
Deuteronomy 6:6-9

-Paul Fisher, in addition to his work as academic dean of Harding Academy of Memphis, serves on the board of the National Christian School Association. He has a bachelor's in English, Bible, and Religion from Harding University and a master's from Philadelphia Biblical University in educational leadership and administration.



Columbia Basketball Alumni:
Looking for a pick-up game with some
old friends?

DECEMBER 15 • 9AM-12PM
COLUMBIA GYM

Men and women are invited to come out
and play some hoops

RSVP to Lanny Tucker
214-686-6202

Homecoming Events

**Homecoming Games &
Homecoming Court Presentation**

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

4:30pm Boys JV Basketball

6:00pm Girls Basketball

7:30pm Boys Basketball

Alumni Reception

Connect with former friends, teachers, and
administrators

TUESDAY, DEC. 18 • 9-11PM

Immediately following the Homecoming game
UPPER JOHNSON CENTER

RSVP to Jason Housley

jhousley@columbiachristian.com

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*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercies endure forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34*

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