



The KNIGHTLY NEWS

Columbia Christian School • PreK-12th Grade

November & December 2019

Extreme Makeover: Gym Edition!



Tami Herzberg, class of 1988

Important Dates:

December 12

Elementary Christmas Choral Program

December 14

Parents Day Out

December 19

Instrumental Christmas Concert

December 20

Homecoming & Alumni Reception

December 23 - January 3

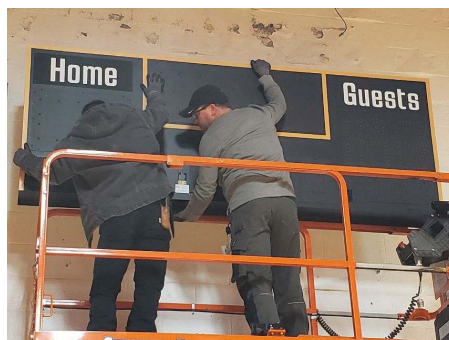
Christmas Break

January 6

Return to School

[See full Columbia Calendar](#)

Columbia Christian's gymnasium has been the home of many events over the decades. From PE classes, sports competitions, and pep assemblies to Homecoming ceremonies, Open House presentations, and the historic Holiday Fair. More than just a building, this site has developed athleticism and teamwork among students, fostered lasting relationships and fond memories for many who have passed through the doors, and blessed the overall mission of the school.

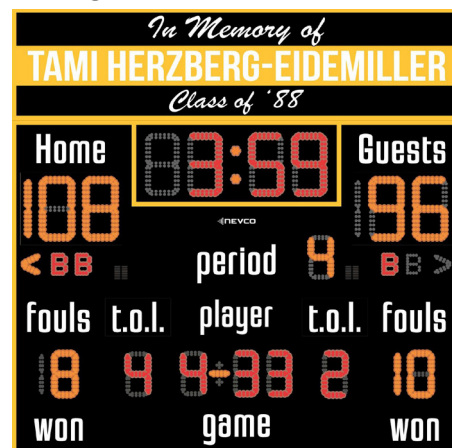


As with all physical structures, the gym requires maintenance and updates, and it was time for the space to receive a facelift. Columbia was blessed to see several improvements to this portion of campus this fall. Included in the renovations were:

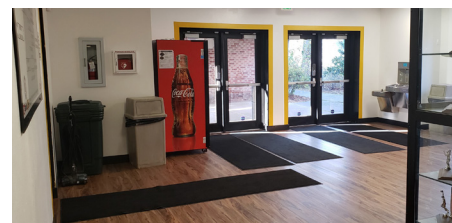
- fresh interior paint throughout
- replaced flooring in the gym lobby and hallway
- concession stand overhaul
- installation of new banners
- two new scoreboards

The scoreboards are particularly special in that they pay tribute to the late Tami Herzberg, 1988 Columbia Christian alumna.

Tami's classmates and other friends of the school donated a portion of the funds to purchase the scoreboards in her name, and they will be in use starting this winter.



Columbia wishes to acknowledge and appreciate the many generous people who have supported the gym improvements, including: Jeff Womack, Craig and Jan Moody, the class of 1988, and several others who have donated to the supply and labor costs.



There is still time to be part of this exciting update. Contact Jason Housley in Development (jhousley@columbiachristian.com) or visit the school website under the "Donate" tab to participate!

Fall Events



High School Engineering Demonstrations



4th Grade Lelooska Cultural Center Field Trip



Grandparents Day



Harvest Night K-2nd



1st & 2nd Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



Operation Christmas Child Service Project



Veterans Day Assembly



Ape Caves Mt. St. Helens Field Study



Outdoor School

Memory of a Notable Servant

Mary (Neville) Patterson *1928 - 2019*



Friends of Columbia were saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Patterson last month. Mrs. Patterson taught science classes for Columbia high school students in the 1970s. She also served a brief time as Pre-Kindergarten teacher in 2001. Originally from Texas, Mary and her family came to Portland when her husband, the late Bill Patterson Jr., was appointed dean of Columbia Christian College. Mr. Patterson played a crucial role in establishing accreditation for the school. Bill and Mary's children and several grandchildren also attended Columbia Christian over the years.

Mrs. Patterson's teaching career extended for over 40 years. She was a great encouragement to her students and family, and they remember her fondly. Beyond her work in school classrooms, she also educated women in teacher training for Bible classes all over the country. She worked hard, prayed daily, and loved God. Mary Patterson was a light to lead many to Christ. Her blessings to Columbia Christian are deeply appreciated.

Fall Sports Recap

From Athletic Director Bart Valentine

We have been blessed with another great athletic season at Columbia. This fall we had 42 middle school students and 33 high school students participate in our sports programs. We fielded teams in volleyball, cross country, and soccer at both middle school and high school levels.

Our middle school soccer team, high school soccer team, and high school volleyball team each made the playoffs. Both soccer teams finished in the top four for their respective districts.

Nicole Bishop made the All-League Team for high school volleyball. Artur Fonseca and Isiah Mariscal made the All-League First Team for soccer. Artur was selected as the Most Outstanding Player in the entire district. Gabi Surbrook made the Second Team and both Derek Valentine and Jared Doyle received Honorable Mention. In cross country, Makena Houston took 3rd in the all-league meet and Jared Doyle took 2nd.

Under the direction of Coach Kevin Yaws, the cross country program took a big step forward this year. This is the first year we have ever had a middle school cross country team. The team of one boy and four girls competed well all season.

Looking forward to the winter season, basketball is on the menu. We will have teams for both boys and girls at the 5th/6th level, the 7th/8th level, and at the high school level. We appreciate your continued support of our Knights!



A Cultural Experience

Columbia was pleased to partner again with ETC, a local Japanese educational tour company, in hosting 38 students from Naoetsu Secondary School in Joetsu City, Japan. The students had a full schedule for their 11-day exchange visit November 10-20. They spent many hours in English language studies and enjoyed field trips to locations like downtown Portland, OMSI, the EPSON facility, Portland State University, Lake Oswego natural park (doing a service project planting trees), and shopping at Washington Square Mall.



Many of the students shared that their most memorable times during their visit were their experiences with their host families. Each student was paired with a host that was provided by Columbia or ETC. The host families provided additional opportunities to practice English and gain familiarity with American culture. Great friendship bonds were formed between students and families.



The conclusion of the exchange included two special events. First, the Japanese students conducted a presentation for Columbia students during the school day. They shared facts about their city and their school and provided entertainment with a couple of music performances. Second was the Sayonara party hosted by ETC and the Japanese students. Around 150 guests gathered in the Johnson Center to enjoy a meal and many entertaining acts by the Japanese students. Gifts were exchanged at the end of the evening and appreciation was expressed by all the parties involved.

Special thanks to Principal Joel Davis and International Coordinator Karen Banks for their work with this program.

Vensel's Voice



President Ami Vensel

In his book *The Collapse of Parenting*, Leonard Sax challenges parents to *be the parent* in a culture that disarms parenting and puts the power of decision-making in the hands of children. Our kids need adults [parents] to make adult decisions that demonstrate the virtues we want our kids to develop and emulate.

When I talk with parents about their child and ask if they feel their child is on the right path, responses tend to focus on grades or academic achievements. Though these can be indicators of cognitive development, they are not a measure of character (honesty, integrity, and self-control). We must first focus on developing the character of our children - *the fruit of the Spirit* (Galatians 5:22-23) and training our children in what is *true, right, and noble* (Philippians 4:8-9).

Character matters! Our kids need us to teach and model what we expect and what God requires - *we are training our children in the way they should go* (Proverbs 22:6).

SAVE THE DATE

FOR COLUMBIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S
DINNER
& AUCTION EVENT

APRIL 25, 2020 • 5:00 PM

AT COLUMBIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
9101 E BURNSIDE ST
PORTLAND, OR 97216



Alumni Spotlight



Cynthia Vinyard Hill
Class of 1961

"Columbia made me who I am. The faculty set examples that formed my character. Friends I have now, 70 years later, are friends I had there. They are the ones I turn to for needed prayer. I'm grateful to my parents for making the sacrifices and having faith to send me to Columbia. The school is in my daily prayers."

Do you want to be on the next Alumni Spotlight?

The "Alumni Spotlight" is a regular feature in the Knightly News. Contact Jason Housley in the Development Office if you are interested in being included.

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