



The KNIGHTLY NEWS

Columbia Christian School • PreK-12th Grade

March & April 2021

Blessings of Spring



Spring is a beautiful time to be on Columbia's campus. Outside, the trees and plants are growing and blossoming. The same can be said about the minds and hearts of the students. From kindergarten students constructing complete paragraphs for their animal projects to the high school student government facilitating a surprise field day for their classmates, these children are exemplifying excellence in faith, character, and academics.

Enjoy these photos of the season!

Important Dates:

May 12

Elementary Learning Fair

May 13

6th Grade Outdoor School Day

May 20-21

Art Show

May 22

Virtual Auction Event

May 25

Junior/Senior Formal Banquet

June 4

Last Day for Seniors, Senior Trip

June 8

Elementary Banner Night

June 9

*Last Day for Elementary & Middle
Elementary Field Day
8th Grade Graduation*

June 10

Last Day for High School

June 11

High School Graduation



*PreK Art is Always Fun
(and Sometimes Messy)*



*Elementary Chapel Quest:
March = Peacemaker,
April = Courage*



*Butterfly Projects
with 2nd Grade*



*4th Grade Pioneer
Book Projects*



*New Flowers Planted by
5th Grade*



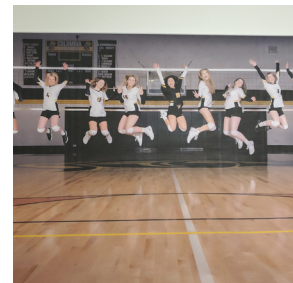
*Middle School Earth Science:
Sound Waves Unit*



*6th Grade Disc Golf
PE Class*



*High School Surprise
Field Day*



*"Fall" Sports Competed in
March & April*

Elementary Read-A-Thon



Librarian Angie Siler is proud of the hard work of Columbia's elementary students during this year's Read-A-Thon event. She was pleased to share that a total of 70,552 minutes were read by our PreK through 5th grade students. Also, \$8,885 in donations were received – well past the \$5,000 goal!

The class with the highest total donations was 3rd grade and the class that clocked the most minutes was 2nd grade. Students used the coupons they earned for rewards like extra recess time and prizes from the treasure box. Some readers even earned a special movie party. The support and participation are greatly appreciated; the students will be blessed by the additional library resources the Read-A-Thon funds provide.



High School Happenings

Columbia's high school faculty and students are making the best of a unique and challenging school year. Though there are some obvious limitations due to health and safety requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Columbia team is committed to the school's core values: fostering relationships, pursuing truth, devotion to excellence, and preparation for an abundant life of Christian leadership and service.



College/Career Planning Meetings with the Guidance Counselor



AP English Literature Students Teaching Class



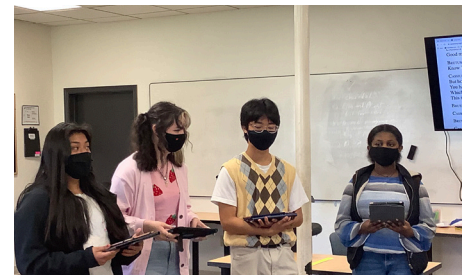
Surprise "Field Day" Planned by Student Government



Biology Class at Hoyt Arboretum



Building Tiny Houses for Geometry in Engineering Class



Sophomore English Acting Out Julius Caesar

Fall Sports (In the Spring) Recap

From Athletic Director Jared Valentine

March brought us all the usual signs of Spring. Fresh cut grass, cherry blossoms, hay fever, and of course fall sports! All of Columbia's fall sports programs just completed successful seasons. Here's a quick rundown for each sport.

The 2021 Varsity Volleyball Knights will go down in the Columbia record books. The team accolades include: an overall record of 10-2, a 1st place finish in the East side of the 2A Northwest League, and a 2nd place finish in the postseason league tournament. Nicole Bishop (1st team), Maliah Aldan (2nd team), and Alexis Davis (3rd team) each earned All-League honors. We also fielded two middle school teams. One for the 5th and 6th graders and another for the 7th and 8th graders. Our middle school teams won some games and lost some games, but most importantly they had fun and learned lots of skills.

Our Cross Country program also achieved significant milestones. Our middle school program was a big success, and we even hosted our first-ever meet on campus with four visiting teams from the Portland area. The Varsity team was small, but mighty. Makena Houston is quickly becoming one of the better runners in the state. She dominated the 2A state cross country meet by finishing in first place and setting a course record.

Despite the snow, rain, and mud, our soccer programs were a huge success as well. The middle school program was stocked with young athletes, which bodes well for our future high school program. The Varsity Knights were very competitive all season, and finished by winning the league consolation bracket. We also had several individual accolades: Brady Housley (1st team), Skylar Conley (2nd team), Dawson Vensel (2nd team), Derek Valentine (HM), and Kamden Reed (HM). It will be exciting to see the team grow as we head into the fall.

A big thank you to all our coaches and athletes!



Maliah Aldan Scholarship

We are thrilled to announce that Columbia senior Maliah Aldan was recently named as a recipient of an Act Six Scholarship to attend George Fox University in the fall. Act Six is a leadership training and scholarship program that connects multicultural students with faith and social justice based universities. The program covers all tuition and room and board costs for four years!

Maliah was selected from thousands of applicants after enduring a rigorous 3-part selection process that included a complex application, a video presentation, and a group zoom interview. After concluding the exhaustive process, Maliah was all but certain that she would receive a polite rejection letter. However, one day before volleyball practice, she received an email from George Fox naming her as one of the scholars. Maliah stated, "I was in tears, and immediately called all my family." She is grateful for God's provision and for the "stress-relief of not having to pay for college." Good luck on your future endeavors Maliah, the Columbia Community will be praying for you!

Vensel's Voice



President Ami Vensel

Distracted? We live in a world of distractions. Our attention shifts to the urgent, pushing aside the significant. Distraction is a common tactic in warfare. Our enemy is constantly seeking to distract and divert our attention and energies. We need to constantly refocus our attention to the things that truly matter as we fight the good fight.

Distractions are like weeds in a garden that suffocate the plant. I want to take a moment to pull back the weeds – to direct our attention to the significant...

The mission of Columbia Christian School is to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character, and academics. Columbia's mission equips and empowers vision to be accomplished. We believe that Columbia Christian School has been established and called by God to lead an ever-growing number of students to know and love Him, to equip them with a Christian Worldview and a strong academic foundation; to enable them to discover and develop their God-given gifts for abundant living and life-long Christian leadership and service.

Family is significant. Relationships are significant. These past 14 months have reminded us of the gift of life and how much we need one another. As your school leader, I want to reaffirm to you [our Columbia families] our dedication and commitment to you and to the mission and vision of Columbia Christian School.

Get Connected!

One of the great virtues of Columbia is the worldwide network of alumni whose deep connections to the school remain strong - long after they graduate.

Are you an alumnus of CCS? Thanks to this global community, we (you) have unique opportunities to share tips and ideas of what has worked best in your life or career.

Let's stay connected! Be an active part of this global community. Email me to be involved: jhousley@columbiachristian.com.

Jason Housley, Development Director

ANCHORED
Pre-Event
ONLINE BIDDING STARTS
FRI. MAY 14
Virtual Auction
"LIVE" AUCTION
SAT. MAY 22
With Special Guest:
Bethany Hamilton
FREE ADMISSION
Register: ColumbiaChristian.ejoinme.org/auction



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