



# Columbia Christian

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## News and Updates – November/December 2016

### Off To A Great Start!



The theme for the year at Columbia Christian is "The Joy of the Lord." God is doing great things, and we rejoice over these accomplishments. Here is just a sampling from the first quarter of the school year: Columbia students have completed over 1,000 hours of community service; our teaching staff has grown along with our enrollment, and we have added six new full-time teachers; new computers and iPads are available for student academic work; and student leaders in high school are guiding their peers through lessons in awakening Christian faith in our world. There is much cause for joy, and we look forward to celebrating all that God has in store for the remaining three quarters of the year!

### Homecoming 2016

Columbia Christian is pleased to introduce the 2016 Homecoming Court:

Paris Hicks with escort Kenny Doberenz  
Chayse Gravelle with escort Jason Mummert  
Sami Howard with escort Levi Dalzell  
Minju Lee with escort Cameron Wetherald  
Abigail Ray with escort Brett Houston

Homecoming had to be postponed due to weather. We look forward to crowning a Homecoming Queen in January.



**SAVE THE DATE! SPREAD THE WORD!**

**July 15, 2017**

**CCS 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



## Columbia Christian Participates in 1st Speech/Debate Tournament

Three Columbia Christian students, Merek, Isaiah and Jason, along with coach Shelly Heaps, made history on November 5th when they represented Columbia Christian Schools in its first Speech/Debate tournament. Columbia Christian was one of 37 schools represented, with all classifications (1A – 6A) present. The competition included over 250 students with more than 400 entries. Columbia Christian had 6 of those entries, competing in 3 of the 9 speech events. After three preliminary rounds, finals were posted and Merek was in the finals! Merek took 1st place in After Dinner Speaking. “I am so proud of Merek, Isaiah and Jason! They all learned a lot at this competition. They made some new friends and they supported each other,” said coach Shelly Heaps. “We hope to grow with additional students in the group, but regardless these three are looking forward to more opportunities to develop their skills and represent Columbia Christian.” If you would like more information about the speech/debate club you can email Shelly Heaps at [sheaps@columbiachristian.com](mailto:sheaps@columbiachristian.com).

## Christmas Blessings

**May you and your family experience the joy of Christ this holiday season!**

**From all of us at Columbia Christian Schools, thank you for your love and support for this ministry. We are truly grateful for your partnership with us.**

**We rejoice with you in the hope of Jesus and pray you are encouraged this Christmas!**

*The mission of Columbia Christian is to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character and academics.*

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