



The KNIGHTLY NEWS

Columbia Christian School • PreK-12th Grade

Winter 2019

Important Dates:

March 13:

Combined Chapel

March 21:

Elementary Spring Music Program

March 22:

*Elem/MS - Early Release
(Teacher Inservice)
1st-5th Grade - Target Day*

March 25-29:

Spring Break

April 1:

Dads on Campus and PTF

April 6:

Auction Fundraiser

April 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

HS Musical Into the Woods

Spring Events to Remember:

Easter Egg Hunt
PreK-8th Learning Fair
JR/Sr Banquet
Family Fun Knight
Fine Arts Festival (MS & HS)
HS Blue Lake Park
Senior Luncheon
PK-K Honor Night
K-5th Field Day
1st-5th Banner Knight
8th Grade Graduation
HS Graduation

[See full Columbia Calendar](#)

2nd Place Champs: #1 in Our Hearts



It was a storied season, but maybe not in the Hollywood sense. Coach Bart Valentine's varsity boys basketball made it to the the State Tournament, yet not undefeated. They could have waltzed into the State Tournament with a perfect record, except that they had accepted an invitation earlier this season to play in the Les Schwab Invitational. It was the ultimate longshot: the 2A state champs up against 5A and 6A powerhouses. In Round 1, they fell to Gonzaga Prep, who went on to win the large school State Championship in Washington. Round 2, however, our David slayed Goliath in the form of Southridge High School, a 6A public high school in Beaverton, OR. That win put Columbia Christian in the history books as the smallest school to ever be invited and win at the Invitational. And then they did it again in the final round against Barlow, coming back from 18 down to win in overtime.

Back in league play, they were ranked #1, and played like it. Columbia won 15 straight games to clench the District Championship for the fourth year in a row in a 67-44 game against Knappa. Their first round of State Tourney play

was a no-contest contest, holding Union to only 36 points, while putting up their only 3-digit score of the season at 103. It seemed like the Knights were truly on the path to defending their title.

Their fate was still undecided when they came back from halftime in the Championship game, only down by 3 points. But the final two periods didn't go the way the Knights hoped. Despite their talented efforts, they fell to Western Christian to finish as state runnersup. Ben Gregg and Elijah Munyan were unanimously selected to the 1st Team All-State.



"I was really proud of the team all year long," said Coach Valentine a few days after the final game. "We played at a really high level. Although we did not bring home the state championship, we really represented Columbia Christian well and demonstrated the character of Christ throughout the tournament. We are still a young team and will be back."

2019 COLUMBIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION

**BLOOM
WHERE YOU ARE
PLANTED**

you're invited

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

**Columbia Christian School
Johnson Center**

**9101 E Burnside St Portland, OR 97216
503-252-8577**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

**columbiachristian.com/auction2019
or Sanders Office. Ticket includes bid number
(silent auction and live auction) and dinner.**

EVENT OVERVIEW

- 5:00 DOORS OPEN &
SILENT AUCTION BEGINS**
- 6:30 DINNER SERVED**
- 7:00 ORAL AUCTION BEGINS**

~~\$50~~
EARLY BIRD TICKET

\$75
AFTER MARCH 5TH

Open House



Columbia was excited to have such a large crowd in attendance for their Open House event on 2/24. More than 15 new families joined them, and the gym was filled with most of their current families as well. They received an overwhelming number of registration payments for 2019-2020 and are making plans for some full classes next year.



Eight families won prizes given out at the Open House, including gift packs, gift certificates, and Blazer tickets.



Of the event, Admissions Director Carrie Rude shared, "It was a wonderful time to connect, to reflect on the blessings of this school year, and to look forward to more good things coming this fall. We are grateful for everyone who took time out of their weekend to come celebrate with us. Your support affirms the value of the education provided at Columbia and blesses our ministry for God's kingdom."

Fall Registration

A few openings are still available in most classes PreK-12th grade.

RETURNING STUDENTS Families of returning students can pay the registration fee to hold the spot for each child. Payment may be made in either school office by cash, check, or card (no fee for debit, 2.75% transaction fee for credit). Card payments will also be accepted by phone: 503-252-8577. Online enrollment instructions will be sent upon payment.

NEW STUDENTS Families interested in enrolling new students at Columbia are encouraged to contact the Admissions Director to schedule a personal tour and receive application information – Carrie Rude: carrierude@columbiachristian.com.

PTF and DOC

Dads on Campus (DOC) is a new program at Columbia that encourages men in the school community to volunteer as a positive presence on campus, either before or after school. Interested dads (or grandpas, uncles, etc.) should complete a background check and contact JC Hren to get involved: jc02tacoma@yahoo.com. The next DOC meeting is Monday, April 1, at 6:00pm in Sanders Hall.

Columbia's Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) welcomes participation in their monthly meetings. The next one is scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 6:30pm in Sanders Hall. Questions about PTF can be directed to columbiachristianptf@gmail.com.



Athletics

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE BASKETBALL

All of these teams focused on the fundamental skills of basketball while learning sportsmanship and team work.

- The 5th & 6th boys team was coached by Cameron Wetherald.
- The 5th & 6th grade girls were coached by Kevin Buse and Nicole Manning.
- Olivia Phillips coached the 7th & 8th grade girls again this year.
- The 7th & 8th grade boys were coached by Cliff White and the team went undefeated throughout the season. They concluded the season by clenching the Metro Christian League Championship with a 75-57 win over Open Door.



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

At the high school level, the girls worked hard all season long. Although they struggled to win games, they gained valuable experience and played together through the ups and downs. Brooklyn Davis and Maranda Brumley each were selected Honorable Mention All-League.



The boys varsity team ended the season at 28-3. They won the Northwest League with a 16-0 record. Ben Gregg was selected as league Player of the Year, and Elijah Munyan was selected as Defensive Player of the Year as well as First Team All-League. Both Dominic Blake and Isiah Mariscal were voted to the Second Team All-League and Moritz Hartwich was named to the Third Team All-League.



5TH-8TH GRADE TRACK & FIELD SIGN-UP

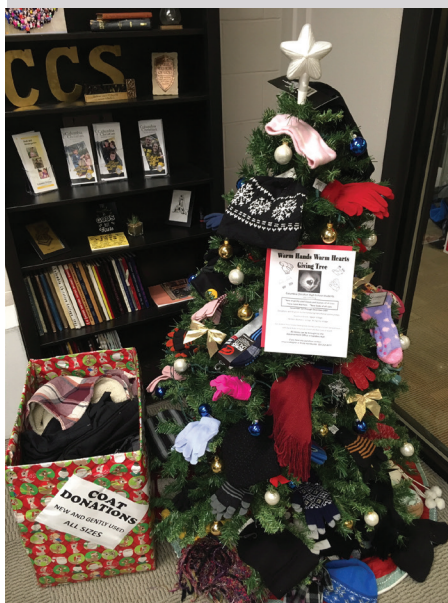
Registration is on for middle school track – open to boys and girls in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. Practices start on 03/18. Students wishing to participate must be signed up through [FamilyID](#) and cleared to participate through the Athletic Department. An activity fee of \$25 will be charged later to the accounts of participating students. Questions can be directed to: Coach Evan Yaws at evan.yaws@gmail.com and Coach Kevin Yaws at kevyaws@gmail.com.

Class Projects & Community Service

As a result of the generosity of the school community and the work of the elementary students and teachers, Columbia Christian School was able to send 45 gift boxes to Samaritan's Purse as part of their "Operation Christmas Child" program. Their participation goal was 30 boxes and they went far beyond that number. Columbia Christian would like to thank everyone who participated in the giving spirit of the season.



The "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" giving tree in the high school office was filled with donated hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. These winter essentials were delivered to the Agape Church for distribution in local transitional housing communities.



On January 24th the fourth grade celebrated the conclusion of their Native American study with a Potlatch. Students prepared an information board on a Northwest tribe of their choosing and created 3-D dioramas of each tribe's type of housing. Families brought recipes that would have been eaten by Native Americans of this region and enjoyed an evening of celebrating together.



Columbia Students Selected for OMEA Honor Band

Two members of the CCS Band program have been selected to perform in the Oregon Music Educators Association (OMEA) District 2 Middle School Honor Band.

7th grade students Raylin Hartman and Noah Venable were chosen from more than 130 applicants from 21 middle schools in our OMEA District, which stretches from the greater Portland area to The Dalles. The District 2 Honor Band will take place over two days on April 5-6, 2019 at Parkrose High School. This year's District 2 Honor Band is being directed by Mr. Kevin Egan, Director of Bands at West Linn High School.

This experience is a unique opportunity to build musicianship, skill, and passion for instrumental music by playing in a band with students of similar interests and ability level. The weekend will consist of intensive rehearsal sessions, culminating in a final performance for parents and family members at 4:00pm on April 6th in the Parkrose High School Auditorium.



New Hot Lunch Program Begins at Columbia



Columbia is excited to announce that Refueled Kids is their exclusive new meal partner, located right on campus. Refueled provides “healthy & creative meals to children” and they have a variety of options including vegetarian, vegan, and “picky eaters.” Parents can customize many elements of each meal and there are a’ la carte items available too.

The secure, fast, and easy-to-use online ordering system allows parents to view the lunch menu, order, prepay, and manage student lunches from a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

- ☑ Go to: <https://refueledkids.boonli.com> - (please bookmark this page)
- ☑ Click/Tap Create an Account: Password is CCS8
- ☑ Enter information and click/tap Submit
- ☑ Enter information for your student(s), Add Profile. Repeat for any additional students.
- ☑ Click I’m Done and Sign In.

Parents can purchase meals on a weekly or monthly basis. Lunch options for the upcoming week should be completed by midnight on the Thursday prior. Be sure to proceed to checkout and process your payment. Orders that are left in the shopping cart will NOT be processed and your student(s) will not be included in the lunch service.

SAMPLE MENU

Entrees (2 items)	
Salad Bar Taco Salad \$5.50 - \$8.50 GF O	Salad Bar Taco Salad with Choice of Protein \$6.50 - \$9.50 GF O
Combos (3 items)	
Omnivore GROUND TURKEY EMPANADA, Roasted Zucchini, Chips and Salsa, Mango \$5.50 - \$8.00 GF O DF	Vegetarian w/ Vegan Option PINTO BEAN and CORN EMPANADA, Roasted Zucchini, Chips and Salsa, Mango \$5.50 - \$8.00 GF O
Picky Eaters CHEESE QUESADILLA MEAL \$5.00 - \$7.50 V GF O	
A La Carte (16 items)	
Mini Tray REALIGN TRAY \$4.00 GF O	Mini Tray REFILL TRAY \$4.00 V GF O
Everyday Favorites Brunch \$5.00 GF O	Everyday Favorites Happy Bowl \$5.00 GF O
Everyday Favorites Pesto Pasta w/ Grilled Chicken \$4.75 O	Everyday Favorites Sunbutter and Jelly Meal \$5.00 O VG
Everyday Favorites Tuna Sandwich w/ Chips \$5.00 O DF	Everyday Favorites Turkey Ranch Club Wrap Meal \$6.00 EF
Everyday Favorites Turkey Sandwich Meal \$5.00	A La Carte Cheese Bun \$1.50 V GF
A La Carte Rice and Beans \$2.50 GF	A La Carte Veggies w/ Ranch Dip \$3.50 GF O
A La Carte Yogurt Parfait \$4.50 V O	Dessert Chocolate Chip Cookie Bites \$2.00 GF
Dessert Frosted Sugar Cookie Bar \$2.50 GF	Dessert Lucky Leprechaun Parfait \$3.50 GF
Drinks (6 items)	
Drink 2% Milk \$1.00	Drink Bottle Water \$1.00
Drink Organic 2% Milk \$2.00	Drink Organic Chocolate Milk \$2.00
Drink Organic Chocolate Soy Milk \$2.00	Drink Organic Soy Milk \$2.00

**Includes options for
vegetarian, vegan,
and
“picky eaters.”**

INTO THE WOODS

Join us for our Spring Musical Production at Eastside Church of Christ

April 12 (7pm)
April 13 (2pm & 7pm)
April 18 (7pm)
April 19 (7pm)
April 20 (2pm & 7pm)

Watch for updates on where and when to purchase tickets.

Board Member Spotlight: David Tucker

Dr. David Tucker grew up in Searcy, Arkansas, on the campus of Harding University. His father was the Chief Financial Officer; so Dr. Tucker became acquainted and comfortable with an academic campus early on. Tucker's fondest memories of that time are the sporting events he viewed and participated in while on campus. He attended Harding Academy preschool through high school and went on to earn a BA in accounting and economics. He earned a master's in economics from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a PhD in economics from the University of Arkansas. Meanwhile, Tucker was the Professor of Economics at Harding University. After the death of his first wife due to cancer, Tucker accepted a position at Cascade College. He moved himself and his two children onto the campus and began his story here in Portland.

Since his arrival, Tucker has become a dedicated and involved component to Columbia Christian School's operations. Having had life-long connections with Morgan and Judy Outlaw (Judy grew up a block away from him and used to babysit he and his brother, while Tucker used to watch Morgan play football at Harding), Tucker and his family quickly became involved with the campus and its

people, and Tucker decided to have his children attend Columbia. Since that decision, Tucker has been blessed by both the environment of Columbia and the people that created and maintained that environment. His children, much like himself, participated in and loved sports, setting records and achievements in their names. His daughter went on to play basketball for Harding University. His son is married to the youngest daughter of Columbia's president, Marquita Moss.

Looking back, Tucker said that it was God's hand that led him and his children to Columbia. Tucker continues to feel the Lord's hand on campus, and he strives to continue the work of improving the lives and futures of every student on campus. He also sees that the work of God led him to his wife, Lori, whom he met when they worked together at Cascade College, and all the other influential people who have supported him on his journey.

In their free time, the Tucker's enjoy attending Blazer games. Tucker also loves reading, hiking, and boating. His love for the Northwest is built upon the people here, especially those in the Columbia community. Dr. Tucker has served on the Columbia Christian Board for 10 years.

-Saylor Dukes, HS Senior



The Hamstreet House Renovation

Visitors to campus often notice a fixture near the Burnside entrance – a ranch-style home with brick work and tan paint that backs up to the Rehearsal Hall building. This home is fondly named the Hamstreet House, after Harold and Mona Hamstreet, the owners who generously donated the home and property to Columbia Christian School.

This building has seen some changes over the years. The home became the music house by the early 1970s and was renamed the Hamstreet Musik Haus. It hosted the college music program as well as the academy's band and music programs through 1993. From 1994 to 2009 the house was home to the Cascade College music program. After Columbia Christian School purchased the campus in 2012, the Hamstreet House became the part of the high school drama department, and was used mostly for storage.

With limited use in recent years, the home was showing signs of disrepair and in need of improvements. A friend of Columbia, Troi Barnum, agreed to help fix up the home in exchange for living in it. Her goal is to restore it to its 1950s roots, and progress is already evident.



Change of Address

You might notice that Columbia's address has changed to 9101 E Burnside St. Portland, OR 97216. This is not a new address, Columbia has simply reclaimed the mailbox that used to belong to Cascade College. This address also reflects a more prominent entrance and parking lot for guests to use.

Notable Alumni: Kevin Lawrence



"My experience at Columbia Christian was truly a blessing to me. I have so many joyful memories, starting as a kindergarten student through my senior year in high school. When I come back to campus to visit, it gives me a chance to reflect on my time there and the amazing contribution the school has been in my life. I am very grateful for the many teachers and classmates who made a positive impact on my life. Columbia provided me with a firm biblical foundation and continues to provide me with a sense of love and purpose. The school will always be a place of special meaning for the Lawrence family and an everlasting bond between many of my brothers and sisters in Christ."

Kevin Lawrence graduated from Columbia Christian in 1997. He is on the Board of Trustees at Oklahoma Christian University. Lawrence and his wife, Devin, lead the college ministry at Westwood Church of Christ in Edmond, OK. During the day, Lawrence is the Chief Financial Officer at BancFirst.

Annual Fund Update from the Development Office

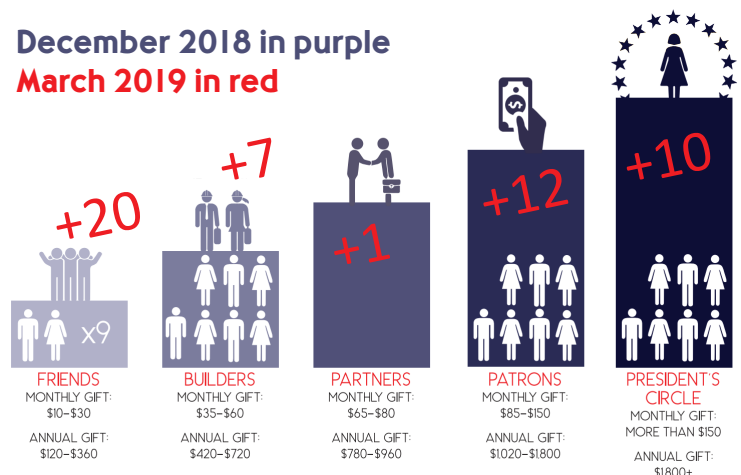
The importance of the Annual Fund is to cover the scholarships granted each year. The Annual Fund is broken down into efforts throughout the year that help bridge the gap between the cost of tuition and the financial needs of families.

As of March 8th, Columbia has already seen a significant participation increase in the levels of giving since the first part of December 2018.

20 new members added to Friends
7 new members added to Builders
1 new member added to Partners
12 new members added to Patrons
10 new members added to President's Circle

Columbia has gained 50 new supporters who are giving at least \$120 annually. These donors represent a total of more than \$166,000 in new annual gifts to the school.

December 2018 in purple
March 2019 in red



Read-a-thon: Record-Setting Reading



The 2019 Read-a-thon earned a 66% increase from 2018!

As the story unfolds, grades PreK–8th went on a journey through reading and recorded over 108,000 minutes collectively. The top reader, a 5th grade student, recorded 4,825 minutes. The Read-a-thon promotes the joy of reading and the importance of raising money for improvements in the Columbia Christian library as well as resources in the classroom.

The Read-a-thon was organized through an online program this year and sparked a whole new level of excitement. In fact, a higher percentage of students participated, recording minutes from in-class reading sessions, as well as on their own time. Two classes, 3rd grade and 4th grade, recorded 100% class participation.

The online program allowed friends and family to watch their students progress and more donations came in as a result. The initial goal was set to raise \$4,000 after 10 days, but as the Read-a-thon came to a close, more than \$6,400 was raised.

Sola Scriptura: The History & Importance of the Bible

A CITE Life-Long Learning (L3) Class

Date & Time: Tuesday nights,
April 16– May 28, 2019. 6-9pm.

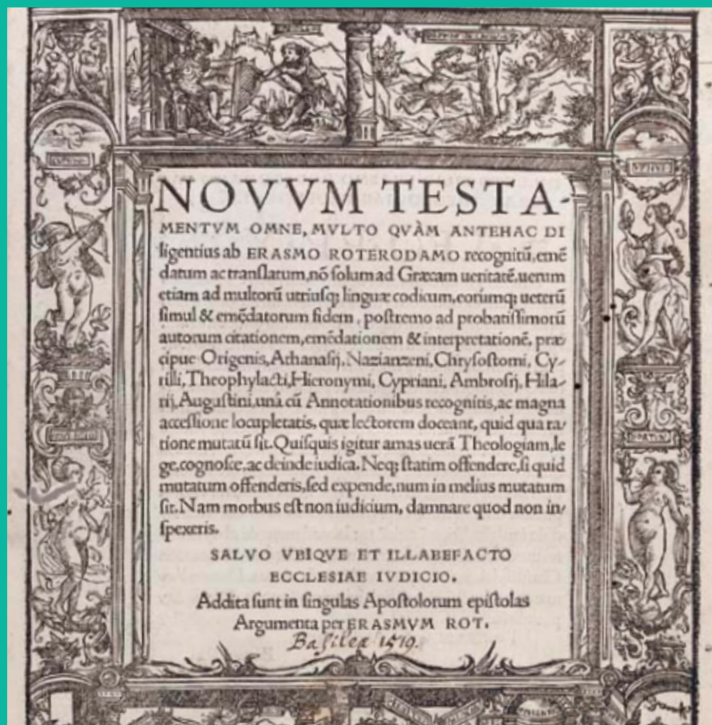
Instructor: Dr. Darren Williamson

Course Fee: \$30 (\$35 if obtaining CEUs)

Location: Hosted by Columbia Christian School,
9101 E Burnside St, Portland, OR 97216

Course Description:

Church Historians & Theologians currently are in a season of marking the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. One of the great principles of the Sixteenth-Century Reformation is that scripture alone (sola scriptura) is the primary authority for the Christian faith, and this remains a foundational value of Evangelical Christianity today. This class explores the History of the Bible and its status as authoritative Word of God. The first part of the course focuses on the History of the Bible and its textual reliability, the Canon, and early English translations, while the second part examines the Bible's own testimony about its nature and authority and unpacks the important doctrine of inspiration. The class aims to be intellectually stimulating as well as spiritually edifying.



[Click here for more information or to register](#)

FREE MONTAVILLA COMMUNITY EVENT

EASTER EGG HUNT

Columbia Christian School • 9101 E Burnside St. Portland, OR 97216

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD ON THE SOCCER FIELD, RAIN OR SHINE!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 🌸🥕 1:30pm

**Staggered
Start
Times:**

- 🥕 1:30pm 3 and under
- 🥕 1:40pm 4-6 years old
- 🥕 1:50pm 7-9 years old
- 🥕 2:00pm 10-13 years old

- Free Egg Hunt • Easter Bunny Photos • Special "Golden Egg" Prizes •
- Bring Your Own Basket •

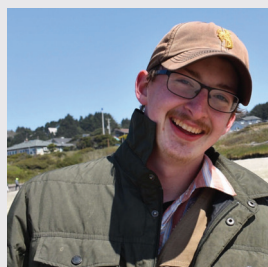
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In Loving Memory



Zach Marquez
Class of 2017

We are saddened to report the death of Zach Marquez, one of our Columbia family members. Our prayers and heartache surround Zach's family.

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