

# 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

Matthew "I liked exploring D.C. with my peers and building a stronger community bond with my friends."

Jonah "This trip helped me develop new friendships with my classmates. It was special that we went on the trip together."

Selah, "I loved traveling with my friends and my Dad. It was such a memorable trip."

Lucas "The buildings, people, museums, the metro and even the food was different from Los Angeles, but in all ways they displayed God's glory."

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The middle school trip to Washington, D.C., proved to be a transformative experience for the WVCS 8th graders, blending education, exploration, and excitement over five eventful days. Beginning with a visit to the 9/11 Memorial, where students solemnly reflected on the tragic events of September 11th, the trip continued with stops at iconic landmarks like the White House, Capitol Building, and Arlington National Cemetery. Guided tours provided historical context and insight into the workings of the U.S. government, while visits to museums such as the Smithsonian Natural History Museum and Holocaust Museum prompted reflection on the complexities of history and human resilience. The trip culminated in a deepened appreciation for civic engagement and American ideals, as students returned home with newfound knowledge and lasting memories.



# Catalina Island Trip

As students sailed to Catalina Island, they immersed themselves in a world of exploration, camaraderie, and personal growth. This transformative experience instilled in them the values of resilience, teamwork, and environmental stewardship. From challenging outdoor activities to meaningful discussions about conservation, the Catalina Trip fostered a spirit of curiosity and a deep appreciation for nature. This was an unforgettable voyage where friendships were forged, memories were made, and values were cherished for a lifetime.

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Anson (6th grade) " In Catalina I got to reflect on how God's creation and life are everywhere you go. From the plants to the animals, the air, land, and water."



Marcus (6th grade) "While in Catalina I learned that healthy fear (caution) is from God, but unhealthy fear is bad, and has to be overcome."



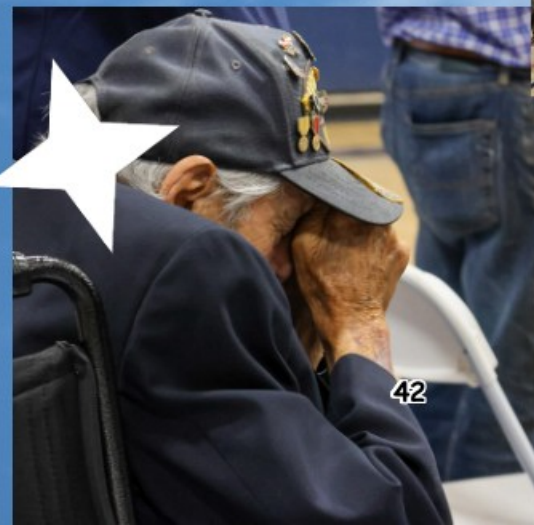
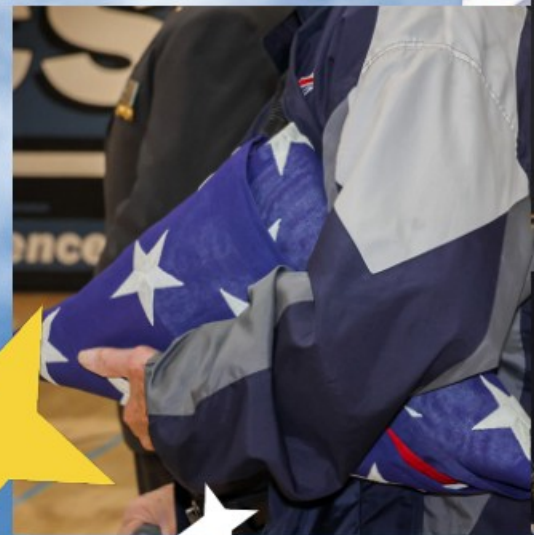
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# Veterans Day



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Veterans deserve to be thanked everyday. When they joined the military they are told it might mean giving the ultimate sacrifice, their life for God and Country. To quote a line from the song America The Beautiful, "Oh beautiful for Heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self, their country loved and mercy more than life." Never stop honoring our Veterans.

Susie Emslie  
 John 15:13 "Greater love has no man than this than to lay down his life for his brother."

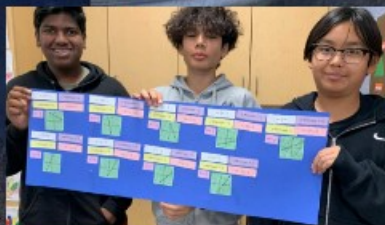


# Middle School Ways





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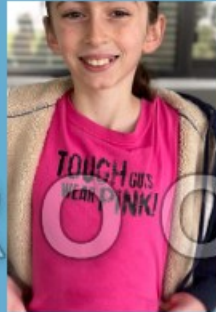
# Middle School Life



Nathan (8th grade) "This school year I learned a lot about losses and mistakes and how it's important to keep attempting and not let myself get angry or give up."



Chase (6th grade) " Having 3 tests in one day was hard at times, but I learned to persevere and get through it."



Tiff (8th grade) "I love the small community feel at WV. I feel like I can be myself. Everyone is so nice at WV."

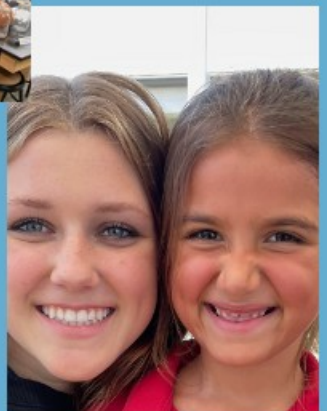


Novi (7th grade) "This school year I learned the importance of persevering through things that were difficult for me."





Dominic (7th grade) "This is my first year at WV. My favorite memory is playing football at Beach Day."



# CJSF

California Junior Scholarship Federation is a statewide organization of over 600 chapters. Its goal is to foster high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship on the part of students of California's public, private, and charter Junior High and Middle Schools. Membership offers the students opportunities to participate in activities, which benefit the school, the community, and the student.



Back Row: Novi, Emma G., Colin, Sherwin  
Front Row: Lucas, Emma N., Brianne

"CJSF teaches us leadership skills and how to organize various projects. We serve the community by visiting our local retirement home and donating toys to Operation Christmas."  
Sherwin Sagadam (CJSF President)



"I have learned how to be compassionate and caring for my community and school."  
Colin Kruse



"CJSF has taught me how respect my classmates and treat people fairly."  
Evelyn Nesterenko

"I have learned compassion by serving others and being kind to them."  
Brianna Ang



"Being in CJSF has shown me how the smallest acts of kindness can make somebody's day."  
Emma Nayeri

"CJSF has enriched the lives of others. We work together to help those in need just as Christ did."  
Lucas Bruckner



"I learned important values like cooperation and teamwork in CJSF."  
Nathan Villanueva

# Middle School Electives

Our sixth-grade students took STEM as an elective exploring science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. They engaged in hands-on experiments, designed and built structures, and coded interactive programs. Through this experience, they honed their problem-solving skills and sparked their curiosity for innovation.



Middle school students had the opportunity to take electives on filmmaking and photography. They explored the world of visual storytelling, learning essential techniques in capturing captivating images and crafting compelling narratives. From mastering camera angles to exploring editing software, the course ignited passion and developed skills in the art of filmmaking and photography. It was a thrilling experience that brought their imaginations to life on screen!

# Advisory

Mondays and Tuesdays started with uplifting devotionals, setting the tone for the week ahead. Wednesdays were for thoughtful chapel discussions, deepening our understanding of important topics. Thursdays were reserved for Thinking of Others, which included writing letters to immobile elderly, serving the school, and monthly Elementary School Buddy Days. And finally, Fridays were Fun Days, filled with laughter and joy as we celebrated our hard work and achievements together!



Olivia (6th grade)"Sixth grade advisory was lots of fun. I loved reading Bible verses together, meeting with our buddies, and playing exciting games on Friday."



# Middle School Chapel

## Middle School Chapel Themes:

- Maturity
- Transformation
- Relationships
- Generosity
- Freedom
- Justice
- Love
- Community
- Purpose



A HUGE thank you to our chapel speakers:

- Pastor Gian and Pastor MJ (Freedom Church)
- WVCS Youth Pastor Nik and Lead Pastor Rob
- Mr. Swales, Mr. & Mrs. Garcia, Mr. Kruse, Mrs. Lenhert, Mrs. Herget, Mrs. Fiske, and Christine Anderson





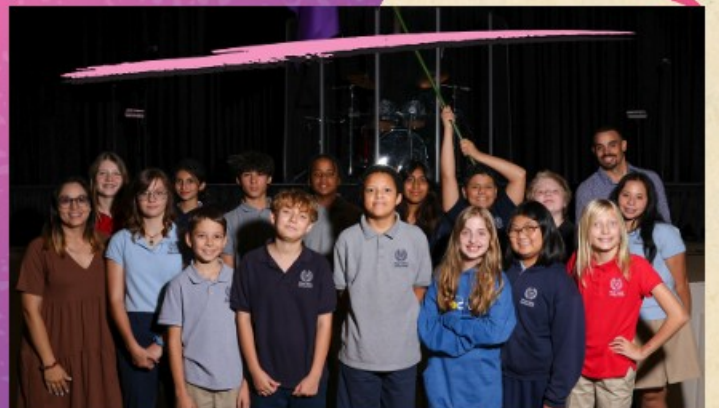
Golden Gorillas

Red Dragons



Green Geckos

Purple Pumas





# FAN THE FLAME

This year's theme centered around cultivating good relationships within various spheres of life. From nurturing strong bonds within the family to developing meaningful friendships. Workshops on discovering one's personality and strategies for growing in one's relationship with God added depth to the event, making it a holistic journey towards fostering fulfilling relationships in every aspect of life.

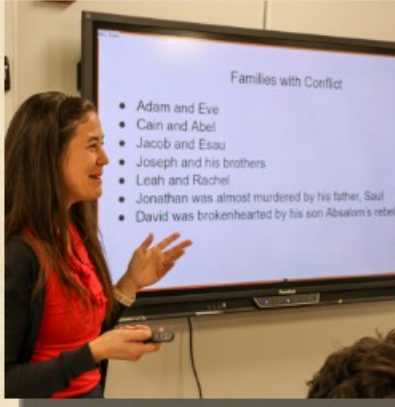
"Fan the Flame" featured esteemed keynote speakers Pastor MJ and Pastor Gian from Freedom Church. Pastor MJ shared insights on the life-changing impact of a relationship with God, highlighting its transformative nature and invaluable worth. Pastor Gian underscored the significance of nurturing relationships with godly friends, emphasizing their role in providing strength and encouragement during life's challenges.



Nazih (7th grade)  
"Fan the Flame helped me learn how to be a good friend and what to look for in a good friend."

Lila (7th grade) "Fan the flame truly taught me about learning about my relationship with God and others. If I have a good relationship with God, I can apply that to relationships with family and friends."



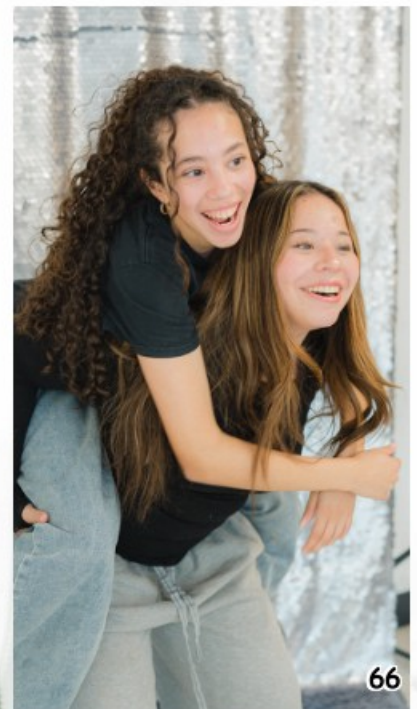


# ASB

The Associated Student Body (ASB) has the privilege of organizing student functions outside of the classroom. Their goal is to boost morale and school spirit on campus.



Back row: Colin - Sherwin - Nathan - Matthew - Kaydein - Mrs. Pacheco  
Front row: Cadence - Ashley - Riley - Emma - Novi



"As their advisor, I've had the honor of watching God develop the students' leadership skills as they serve their student body."

Mrs. Pacheco  
(ASB Advisor)



"The values I learned as a leader are to have patience and to listen to others. The most important thing to do is listen and pay attention and acknowledge everyone."

Cadence Cabrera  
(ASB President)



"ASB has taught me leadership skills. I also learned how to run a student store and how to take inventory of products."

Colin Kruse  
(ASB Vice President)

"It takes teamwork and communication to get work done. I get to tell my opinions and listen to others as well."

Ashley Montenegro



"I learned the importance of cooperation in ASB. I liked sharing my thoughts and opinions to help this group."

Novi Bosch

"In ASB, I get to express my point of view with others and learn to work together."

Riley Herget

"The most important values I've learned in ASB were respect and cooperation."

Emma Gherman



"We work together in ASB and everyone has a chance to speak what they think."

Matthew Hernandez



# Middle School Boys Basketball



Back Row: Coach Matt, Jonah Flett, Dominic Sanchez, Chase Stewart, Julian Hanna, Colin Kruse, Coach Gian  
Front Row: Kaydein Pleasant, Anson Ballton, Nazih Rabadi, Levi Cunningham, Marcos Jeen

(Not pictured: Nathan Brown, Liam Ozmolski & JJ Bernardo)

The winter season brought with it the thunderous dribbles and swooshing baskets of boys' basketball. Our middle school boys' basketball team, under the guidance of Coach Matt and Coach Gian, displayed their talent, teamwork, and dedication on the court.

With a remarkable record of 11 wins and 2 losses, our boys demonstrated their skill in every game, executing precise passes, aggressive defense, and clutch shots. Point guard Nathan Brown led the team with his court vision and scoring ability, while big man Jonah Flett dominated the defensive end with his blocking prowess.

#### Notable Achievements:

- Nathan Brown: MVP
- Kaydein Pleasant: Offensive Player of the Year
- Jonah Flett: Defensive Player of the Year
- Best Teammate: Colin Kruse

Congratulations to our middle school boys' basketball team for their exceptional performance this winter!

"We instill Christian values in our student-athletes, fostering qualities such as discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and humility."

- Coach Gian Sanchez

"Sports teams teach us humility. The team learns to win and lose with grace."

-Coach Matt Dy

"You need to have chemistry with your teammates and work together."  
Jonah Flett

"I learned to cooperate with everyone on the team."  
Marcos Jeen

"I learned how to be a leader of a team"  
Kaydein Pleasant



"I had to persevere in learning a new sport."  
Colin Kruse

"I developed more school spirit by playing basketball."  
Dominic Sanchez

"I learned to overcome all challenges and obstacles in the way."  
Nazih Rabadi

# CHEERLEADING

"The girls learned teamwork, patience, and integrity. They learned that it's not about being the best, but being better than yesterday."

-Coach Tania Sanchez



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Scarlett (3rd grade) "It was my first-time doing cheer. I was nervous at first, but it was actually really fun!"

Sofia K (5th grade)  
"I learned to keep trying and never give up. It was so fun for sure!"



Taylor, Cheer Captain  
(3rd grade)

"Cheer has taught me to be more focused and pay attention. Cheer also helps build confidence."





Skylar (3rd grade)  
"I experienced strength and  
commitment."



"Reflecting on an exhilarating journey, coaching the inaugural season of WVCS Cheer has been an extraordinary experience filled with unforgettable moments of growth, teamwork, and triumph. From the first practice to the final performance, watching each member of our squad blossom into confident, skilled athletes has been truly inspiring. Together, we've elevated the spirit, unity, and pride of our team, leaving an indelible mark on the legacy of WVCS Cheer. Here's to many more triumphant seasons ahead! Go Falcons!" -Coach Angie





# Boys Football



Back Row: Nazih Rabadi, Chase Stewart, Matthew Hernandez, Marcos Jeen, Jonah Flett, Julian Hanna, Coach Gian

Front Row: Ryder Thurman, Liam Ozmolski, Nathan Brown, Dominic Sanchez, Levi Cunningham

Not pictured: Luke Goldbeck



The crisp autumn air marked the beginning of another exhilarating football season. Our middle school boys' football team charged onto the field with determination and skill, ready to conquer their opponents. Led by Coach Gian, they showcased their teamwork, resilience, and passion for the game in every match.

With an impressive record of 9 wins and 1 loss, our team dominated the field, displaying remarkable offensive and defensive strategies. Quarterback Nathan Brown led the offense with precision passes, while running back Dominic Sanchez dashed through defenses with lightning speed.

Notable Achievements:

- Nathan Brown: Most Valuable Player (MVP)
- Jonah Flett & Marcos Jeen: Offensive Player of the Year
- Dominic Sanchez: Defensive Player of the Year
- Best Teammate: Nazih Rabadi

Congratulations to our middle school boys' football team for a spectacular season!



Coach G  
"I was encouraged by the school spirit."

# Girls Basketball



Brianne  
Ang

Selah  
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Mary  
Kasabyan

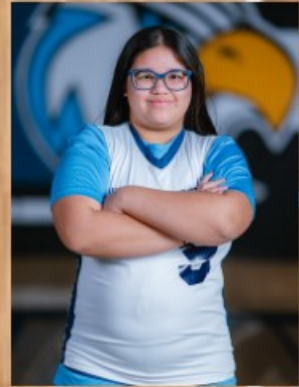
Cadence  
Gabrera

Ashlyn  
Lathrop

Ahreana  
De Vera

Presleigh  
Fierro

Coach  
Matt



The hardwood heated up with the intense action of our middle school girls' basketball team. Our girls' basketball team, coached by Coach Matt, showcased their talent, teamwork, and determination throughout the winter season.

With a record of 3 wins and 3 loss, our girls outmaneuvered their opponents with their hustle and tenacious defense. Cadence Cabrera and Ashlyn Lathrop led the team with their exceptional leadership and scoring prowess, inspiring their teammates to reach new heights.

Notable Achievements:

- Cadence Cabrera: MVP
- Brianne Ang: Defensive Player of the Year
- Ashlyn Lathrop: Offensive Player of the Year
- Presleigh Fierro: Best Teammate

Congratulations to our middle school girls' basketball team for their outstanding achievements this season!

"I learned cooperation in basketball."

Brianne Ang



"I learned how to respect everyone on and off the court."

Evelyn Nesterenko



"I never gave up and kept trying. God gave me the strength I needed."

Ahreana De Vera



"I learned to always have self-control and to be kind."

Mary Kasabyan



"I would help those who needed more practice in learning the game."

Ashlyn Lathrop



"I always made sure to support my teammates."

Cadence Cabrera

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"Our team showed remarkable improvement in their skills and teamwork throughout the season."

- Coach Matt Dy



# Girls Soccer



Back Row: Cadence Cabrera, Evelyn Nesterenko, Ashlyn Lathrop, Selah Walker  
Front Row: Brianne Ang, Cora Crawford, Amy Fiske, Adele Davidian, Ruby Crawford

As flowers bloomed and birds chirped, our middle school girls' soccer team took to the field with energy and enthusiasm. Coached by Coach Ellie, these talented athletes showcased their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the spring season.

With a record of 1 win, 1 draw, and 2 losses, our girls displayed exceptional effort in every match, moving the ball with precision, defending with determination, and scoring with finesse! MVP Cadence Cabrera led by example, inspiring her teammates with her leadership and goal-scoring prowess.

- Notable Achievements:
- Ashlyn Lathrop: MVP
  - Cadence Cabrera: Offensive Player of the Year
  - Selah Walker: Defensive Player of the Year
  - Ruby Crawford: Best Teammate

Congratulations to our middle school girls' soccer team for their outstanding performance this spring!





"An important value I learned in soccer was perseverance. We lost games, but we never gave up."  
Presleigh Fierro



"I learned perseverance on the soccer team. Even when I got tired, I didn't give up."  
Ruby Crawford



"I learned respect especially for the younger girls on my team."  
Selah Walker

"Teamwork is one of the most important values on the soccer team."  
Cadence Cabrera

"I learned respect and integrity on the soccer team."  
Ashlyn Lathrop



"The soccer players have played with passion and precision, and their commitment to excellence and unity is a shining example for us all."  
-Coach Matt Dy

# Boys Soccer

The middle school boys' soccer team has started their spring season with great enthusiasm. Under the guidance of Coach Dorian and Zarah, the team is focused on improving their skills and building strong teamwork on the field. They are excited for the matches ahead against local rival schools.

The players are working hard during practice sessions to perfect their strategies and techniques. The team is determined to make a strong showing this season and aims for success in the league.



Coach Dorian, Liam Ozmolski, Aiden Rutzen, Ryder Thurman, Anson Ballton, Chase Stewart, Dominic Sanchez, Nathan Brown & Coach Zarah

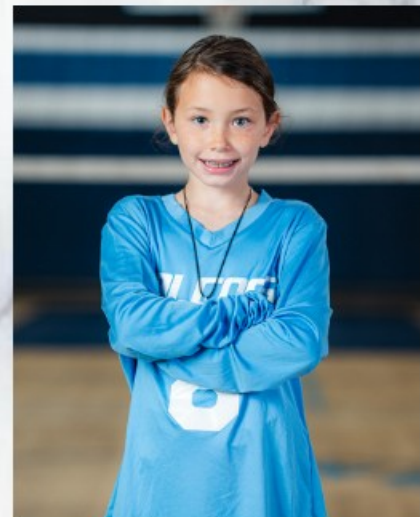


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# Girls Volleyball





Back Row: Coach Sarah, Tiffany Zdenek, Evelyn Nesterenko, Ashlyn Lathrop, & Coach Sophie

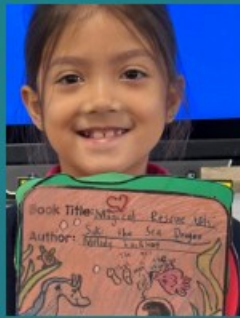
Front Row: Ryan Doop, Gora Crawford, Mary Kasabian, & Cadence Cabrera

The middle school girls' volleyball team is preparing for an exciting fall season ahead. Led by Coach Sophie and Coach Sarah, the team is dedicated to improving their skills and working together on and off the court. Practices are underway, with the team focusing on perfecting their serves, spikes, and blocks.

The players are ready to face off against their rivals and aim for a successful season. The team is determined to perform their best in every game and work towards achieving their goals.

Go Falcons!









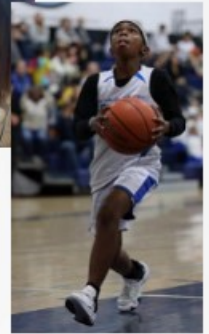
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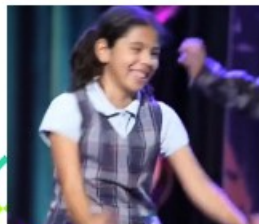
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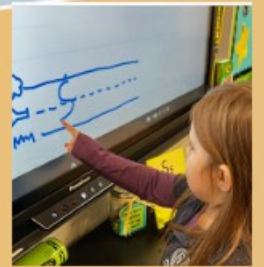






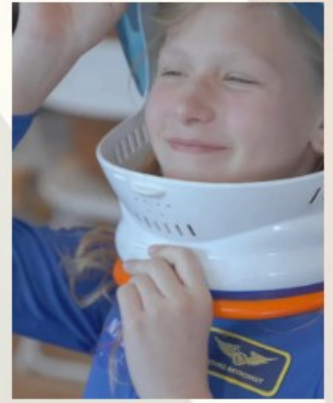
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