





West Valley
Christian School

A Letter From Mr. Swales

Dear Students,

There are moments in a school year that don't look important at first, aren't always on a stage, and they don't always come with applause. Sometimes, they look like failure. Sometimes, they feel like fear. But look closely, those are the moments that shape you the most—and this year, they happened everywhere.

They happened on bus rides to the Santa Barbara Zoo, where you laughed with friends but didn't quite know what the day would hold. They happened at Astro Camp and in the mountains, where being away from home stretched you in ways you didn't expect. They happened on trails, in cabins, and across the country in Washington, D.C., where what you've been learning started to feel real. And they happened on the shores of Catalina Island, when the water was too deep, when something didn't go right the first time, and when it would have been easier to stay on shore—but many of you didn't. You came back in kayak.

That same moment showed up all year long. It showed up on stage when you stood in front of others at Veterans Day, Grandparents Day, Christmas, and Easter—when some of you sang and danced in *That's My King* or stepped into roles in *Annie*, quietly wondering, "Am I ready for this?" It showed up in the classroom when debates stretched your thinking, when writing assignments had to be started again, and when you had to decide whether to stay with something difficult or walk away.

It showed up in what you created—building, testing, failing, adjusting, learning that real growth doesn't happen all at once. It showed up on the field and the field, where pressure was real and the choice to step up mattered. It showed up in quiet moments—raising your hand when you weren't sure, trying something new, or choosing to encourage someone else.

If we're honest, this year wasn't easy. At some point, most of you probably thought, "This is too hard," or "I'm not good at this," or even, "Maybe stop." And sometimes—you did. But many times, you came back.

You got back in. And that's where something deeper was happening. Because the hardest part of this year wasn't just what you were doing—was what was happening in your heart. The fear of failing. The pressure to compare. The question: "Am I enough?" This year, you didn't just face those questions—you started to understand them.

In chapel, you heard Jesus' parables—stories that reveal the heart. You saw how a heart can become distracted, discouraged, or closed off when things get hard. And if you're honest, you've seen that in yourself. But you also learned something even more important: what God is like. A Shepherd who goes after the one who wanders. A Father who runs toward His children. A God who meets you not when you're perfect, but right where you are. That means this: you are known, you are forgiven, and you are not alone. And when that begins to feel real—not just something you hear, but something you believe—it changes you. You begin to feel GRATEFUL, not

because everything is easy, but because you know God is with you. And that gratitude starts to shape the way you live. You become more patient. You try again instead of giving up. You begin to notice others, to include, encourage, and to serve. You stop only asking, "How am I doing?" and start asking, "How can I love others well?"

This is the life Jesus describes in the Beatitudes—not a perfect life, but a changed heart. A heart that depends on God, chooses humility, cares about what is right, shows mercy, and keeps going even when it's hard. And as that kind of heart grows, something else grows too: JOY. Not just because things are going your way, but because you're learning to live differently. You're learning that when you are loved by God, you can love—and when you love others, you serve. That's where life begins to feel full.

So when you look back on this year, remember the trips, the performances, the games, and the projects. But don't miss this: you got back in. You kept going. You are learning to trust God with your heart. And as that happens, you are becoming someone who lives with courage, gratitude, joy, and love for others. And that is the life God is leading you into.

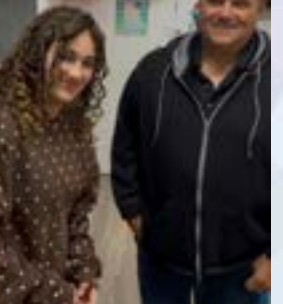
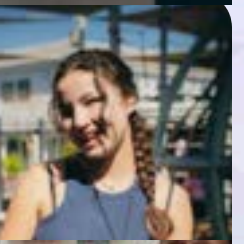
I'm proud of who you are becoming,

School Administrator
Mr. Swales



Teacher Moments





WUES Staff

Darlene Arevalo
Walter Arevalo
Ashley Barnes
Celeste Bashaar



Kassidy Berggren
Rachel Bertrand
Raquel Bond
Ethan Calispa



Nathan Calispa
Christina Calzada Munoz
Yelena Cano
Leroy Chavez



Rowena Collinsworth
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Jonathan "JD" Dolatre
Angie Dy



Matt Dy
Susan Emslie
Ariel Fernald
Trey Fernald
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Trisha Herget
Gizzelle Hooper
Ryan Jorgenson



Mure Kalu
Jessica Kelly
Kevin Kruse
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Daniel Marcum
Kira Mark
Samantha Melo



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Kimberly Ortiz
Alicia Pacheco
Christi Roberts
Sophia Saldivar



Gian Sanchez
Tania Sanchez
Alex Sosa
Christina Stalboerger
Derek Swales



Michelle Swales
Anne Taguba
Rhonda Wilcox
Julia Williams
Evelyn Zaldana



Elementary Moments





TK



My Sweet TK Friends,

As our school year comes to an end, I want you to know just how proud I am of each and every one of you. When you first walked into our classroom you were just beginning your TK journey. Now look at you! You have learned so many new things, grown in so many ways, and filled our classroom with so much joy every single day. This year was full of special moments that I will always remember. Our room was often filled with lots of giggles, laughter, and the biggest smiles. We learned together, played together, and built such sweet friendships along the way. Watching you help one another, sharing and caring for your friends made my heart so happy. You worked hard learning your letters, numbers and math concepts, heart words, and how to write and share your ideas. Your curiosity was contagious leading to amazing and thought provoking discussions. I loved seeing your excitement when you discovered something new. Every day you become more confident and ready for the adventures ahead. One of my favorite things about our class is your love for music and dancing! Whether we were singing songs about what we were learning, or having little dance moments during the day, you brought so much energy and happiness to our classroom. Your joyful hearts make learning even more fun. Most of all, I want you to remember how special you are. Each one of you was created with a purpose, and God has wonderful plans for your life. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "Plans to give you hope and a future." As you become big Kindergarteners, keep being kind, curious, brave, and full of joy. Keep learning, keep smiling, and keep shining your light for others to see. Thank you for all the hugs, laughter, dancing, and beautiful memories we shared this year. I will always carry you in my heart. I am so excited to see all the amazing things you will do.

With so much love,
Mrs. Roberts & Ms. Sophia



Kindergarten



Our Sweet Kindergarten Class,

What a beautiful year we have shared together! From the very first day, you filled our classroom with joy, laughter, curiosity, and so much love! This year you learned so many wonderful things. You learned how to read words and stories, write sentences, and solve math problems. But even more importantly, we watched you grow into kind friends who help one another, encourage each other, and try your very best.

One of our favorite things about our class was hearing “I love you” almost every day. Those little words meant so much to us and reminded us that our classroom became a little family. We will always remember our many laughs, our silly songs, and the joy you brought into our classroom every single day. You truly are the most special class with the most wonderful hearts, and we adore each one of you.

As you grow and move on to first grade, remember that Jesus loves you so much and has wonderful plans for your life. Keep being kind, brave, and full of joy. We will always be cheering for you and praying for you.

Love always,

Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Tania



First Grade



It has been an absolute joy to teach this wonderful first grade class, even in the short time we've spent together. Each student has shown kindness, curiosity, and a strong commitment to learning, making every day in the classroom so meaningful and fun. They also make me laugh every single day, which brings so much light and energy into our classroom! They all have such a sweet love for God that shines through in their words and actions. I am so proud of how hard they work and how thoughtfully they care for one another. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the parents for their warmth, encouragement, and support throughout my time with the class. It has truly been a pleasure to have such a positive and uplifting community around me. I look forward to all the great things these students will continue to accomplish!

-Ms. Yana & Ms. Julia

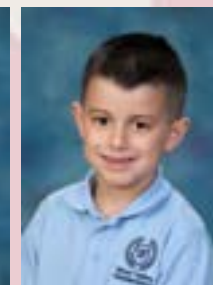
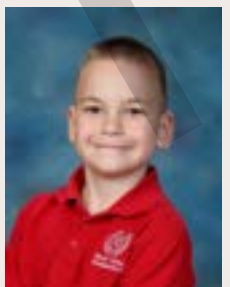


Second Grade



This year's 2nd grade has been such an energetic and exciting group! From the very beginning, you have been eager to try new things and excited to learn. Throughout the year we explored many different types of writing, strengthened our reading skills, and grew so much as learners. I am so proud of everything you have accomplished. Beyond academics, it has been wonderful to watch your faith grow as well. Together we have developed a deeper understanding of who God is and have lifted our voices in beautiful songs of worship. One of my fondest memories this year has been during our independent work times when some of you would begin quietly singing worship songs while you worked. Moments like that brought so much joy to our classroom. It has truly been a blessing to have you as my very first class at West Valley. I am so thankful for each of you and cannot wait to see the amazing things you will do in 3rd grade!

-Ms. Berggren & Ms. Kira



Third Grade

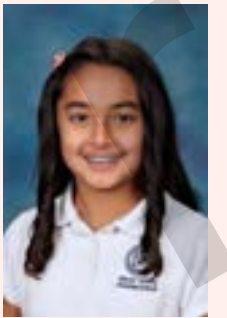


What an absolutely fantastic year we have had together! I am so incredibly proud of each of you. I have cherished every moment we laughed, learned, and grew together. Your flexibility, diligence, patience, kindness, courage, teamwork, and sense of humor made this year truly unforgettable! Each of these qualities will serve you well as you head into fourth grade and beyond.

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – Philippians 1:6

One of my favorite memories was taking you on your very first overnight field trip to the Santa Barbara Zoo—what a special milestone to share together! Always remember to follow Jesus, be kind and brave, take risks, and know that Mrs. Bertrand and I love you so much. We miss you already!!!

-Mrs. Stalboerger, Mrs. Bertrand, & Ms. Yana



Fourth Grade



This year has been such a special one, my very first with my own classroom and my first 4th grade class. I couldn't be more proud of each and every student and the incredible growth they've shown, both academically and personally. It has been a joy watching their confidence build, their curiosity deepen, and their unique personalities shine.

One of my favorite memories was our trip to the San Juan Capistrano Mission, where experienced history and culture come to life. Seeing their excitement, thoughtful questions, and eagerness to learn made that day truly unforgettable.

My hope and prayer is that each of you continues to grow into caring, hardworking, strong individuals who show kindness and empathy to those around you, just as God asks us to do.

As Ephesians 4:32 says "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

Thank you for making my first year so meaningful. I will always carry these memories with me!

-Ms. Bashaar & Ms. Rhonda



Fifth Grade



To the amazing Fifth Graders,

As the school year comes to a close, you're finishing one important season and getting ready to begin another, something we call middle school. It has been an honor to be your teacher this year. I've truly enjoyed watching you grow, learn, laugh, and discover new things about yourselves and the world around you. One thing I hope you never lose is your curiosity. Keep asking questions. Keep exploring ideas. Keep searching for truth. Those qualities will help guide you wherever life takes you.

As you move on, remember that the world will often try to tell you who you should be. Don't let it define you. Stay grounded in the Lord and keep your heart focused on Jesus. Let your faith guide the way you live and treat others. What matters most is your character, your faith, and the way you care for people around you.

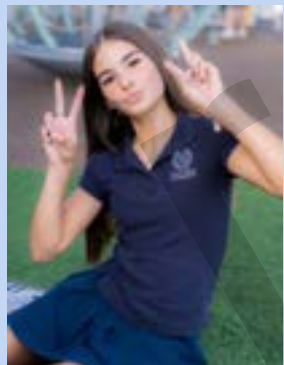
Keep your excitement for life. Keep your sense of wonder. I am incredibly proud of all of you and can't wait to see the amazing things God will do through your lives.

Always cheering you on,
Mr. Kruse & Ms. Sue



Skylar Yarbrough

Middle School Moments





Sixth Grade



Dear WVCS 6th Grade Class of 2026,

I am so lucky to have each and every one of you in my class!

You guys are a hilarious, silly, and sweet group of students. I appreciate all the crafts made, your weekend updates, and even the funny voices in the classroom. I'm so impressed by all of your hard work and I'm so excited to see you all continue to grow. All of you are capable of reaching your goals, so I encourage you to keep going even things get tough, and I hope you are proud of yourselves as well.

All the best,

Ms. Taguba



Seventh Grade



This class has kept me on my toes in the best way. You are full of energy, personality, and just enough mischief to make every day memorable. The way you have tested boundaries and asked big questions has made the classroom come alive. I've seen real growth, in maturity, in confidence, the way you are all beginning to understand yourselves and the world around you. My hope for this class is that they continue to stay curious, always seeking truth and purpose, and that they use that curiosity to grow not only in knowledge, but in your relationship with God. This group is unforgettable, and your journey is just getting started.

-Mrs. Arevalo



Eighth Grade



It has been a joy teaching this 8th grade class this year. Each student brought a unique personality and a wide range of gifts, making every day in the classroom engaging—and occasionally entertaining.

I've loved watching them grow not only academically, but also in the arts, athletics, and in their faith. In our Christian environment, it's been especially meaningful to see their character and relationships deepen along the way.

It has truly been my privilege to serve as their homeroom teacher. I look forward to celebrating them at graduation—and yes, I will miss them (even the ones who kept me on my toes!).

-Mr. Fernald



8TH GRADE SUPERLATIVES



Anson

Most likely to be in
the NFL



Nicholas

Most likely to be a
track star



Sadie

Most likely to fall
asleep in class



Madelyn

Class Mom



C'enna

Best Handwriting



Marcus

Most likely to get
into Harvard



Ruby
Best Laugh



Levi
Funniest in class



Bella
Best Artist



Sophie
Most likely to
become a scientist



Richard
Most likely to take
over the world



Joanna
Most Chill



Nehvan
Most
Nonchalant



Aiden
Coolest eyes



Chase
Most likely to
laugh at the
wrong time

Get to Know the 8th Graders!



Anson
"I like jaguars"



Nicholas
"I have traveled
to 9 countries"



Sadie
"I've been at WVC
fr the equivalent
of Madelyn"



Madelyn
"I've been at this
school for 11
years"



C'enna
"I love God and
my family"



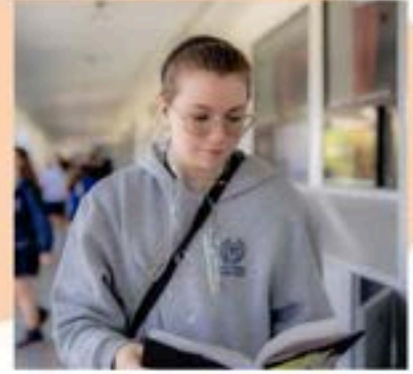
Marcus
"I speak French"



Ruby
"I'm taller than Chase"



Levi
"I have PTSD from door handles"



Bella
"I know a lot about snakes"



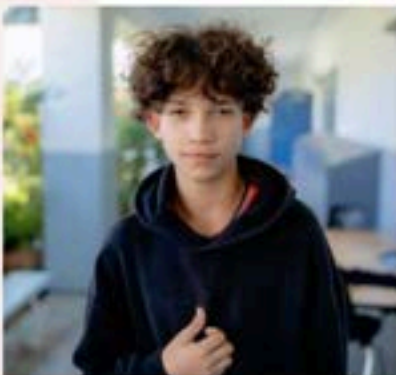
Sophie
"I've been doing piano for 9 years"



Richard
"I have 4 cats"



Joanna
"I'm a middle child"



Nehvan
"I've played football at So Stadium 3 times"



Aiden
"My favorite basketball player is Anthony Edwards"



Chase
"I'm tall" :)

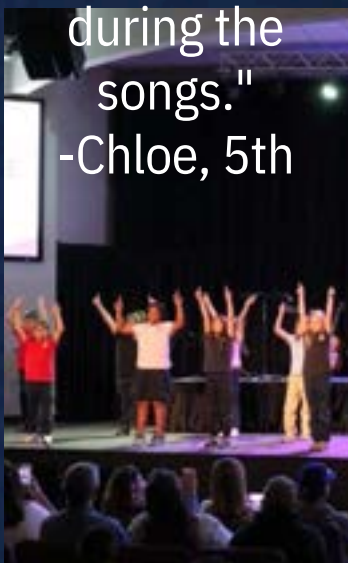
Elementary Chapel

"Parables reveal my heart in light of God's heart."



"I love chapel because I love the music! I love signing and worshipping!"
-Jason, 4th

"I love that we get to worship God and sing fun songs. I like when everyone starts to jump during the songs."
-Chloe, 5th



"I love when worship God. We get to learn more about Jesus."
-Mia, 1st





"Every time I sing, it brings me joy. When they have skits, they are always funny."

-Luca G, 3rd



"I love how we get to jump around and praise God!"

-Aryana, 5th

"I love that we get to worship God. I also love to sing! My favorite song is "I thank God."

-Amara, Kinder



MS CHAPEL



"I love how we worship! We get to listen to great messages."
-C'enna, 8th



"I like when people come in and speak. We get to hear different people's perspectives. I also love the Tribe Games we play."
-Trevin, 7th





"I like chapel because I get to worship at the alter with my friends and have a great time praising God."
-Vera, 7th



"I love that we get to worship. We get to learn more about the Bible. It's cool when they split up the boys and girls. It makes it more genuine. I look forward to Chapel!"
-Genavieve, 6th



Fan the flame

"God understands my heart."



"Fan the Flame creates a spiritual revival."
-Marcus, 8th



"I liked how we broke up into groups and talked. We got to ask questions and talked about our faith."
-Hannah, 7th



"Fan the Flame was fun. I like when we played the games. It was fun worshipping and praising God!"
-Elsie, 6th



"I liked how the entire day was worshipping and learning about God."

-Genavieve, 6th



"I enjoyed getting into groups and talking about Jesus. Worshipping was also fun!"

-Christian, 7th



"I love learning about God and building a relationship him. Coming together with my friends, the games, and the food."

-Aiden, 8th





TRIBE GAMES

BLUE EAGLES



"I like being active and hanging out with my Tribe! We need more games because its so much fun."

-Trevin, 7th Grade

"Tribe Games are fun! It helped me bond with my tribe. It made chapel more fun and engaging." -Richard, 8th



"I like Tribe Games because everyone gets the opportunity to play. We all have a great time. We played Jeopardy at Chapel. The teachers also play the games with us. It was a really fun experience to play in these games."

-Andrew, 6th

"Tribe Games are fun! It uses a lot of teamwork and communication."

-Anson, 8th





"Tribe Games are lots of fun! It's very competitive. Very creative. I found 3 of the Golden tickets and scored points for my tribe."

-Cora, 6th



"It's very fun! We work and bond as a team. We played Tribe Games at Fan the Flame. We played a game with marshmallows and spoons. It was fun to watch."

-C'enna, 8th

"I love Tribe Games because of how encouraging my team was when I played a game. It was a lot of fun."

-Sophia K., 7th



"Tribe Games are fun and competitive. But it's friendly. It brings us together as well as hypes us up. Go Lions!"

-Tealan, 6th







Enrichments

Art



"I loved the project where we made a heart out of clay."
-Demera, 2nd



"My favorite project was making a Christmas tree. It was so cool and we added sprinkles on it."
-Kingston, Kinder



Music



"The best part about music was our voices. They sound perfect."
-Eleanor, TK



"I like practicing for shows and singing solos"
-Aryana, 5th



"Mistakes helped me learn."

Theater



"My favorite activity in Theatre Arts is when we act like different people."
-Dylan, TK



"My favorite part is playing theatre games. My favorite is Zip Zap Zop."
-Scarlett, 5th



Spanish

"I loved learning Spanish songs and doing lessons with our teacher."
-Lexie, 4th



"Español es mi clase favorita"
-Vincent, 3rd



Dance



"I loved learning the Prodigal Son dance."
-Liliana, 4th



"My favorite thing is breaking into groups and we make our own dance."
-Abby, 5th



PE



"My favorite thing about PE is all the games and running around."
-Aldo, TK



"I enjoy playing all the games and when we get to be on teams."
-Ely, 5th



STEM



"The most challenging project was 'Keep Mr. Pom Pom Dry', because our tower would topple over during test tries."
-Charisse, 3rd



"I loved the building bridges project."
-Noah S., TK



"I really like doing the paper roller coaster."
-Kurtis, 5th



"I like doing crafts"
-Easton, Kinder



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

"God is shaping our hearts the same way -
patiently, step by step."

Early Childhood Education



"Early Childhood Education is a great elective for kids that want to become teachers and parents."
-Chase, 8th



"I like getting to see the preschoolers. We learn how they develop."
-Elsie, 6th



Strength and Conditioning



"I like strength and conditioning because I get that summer bod"
-Harrison, 7th



"I enjoy getting to work out"
-Cassidy, 7th

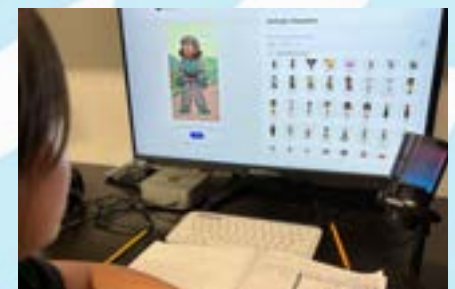


"I enjoy using the workout equipment to gain muscle"
-Christian, 7th



Animation

"I like how we get to express our creativity. I love Mr. Romeo! He's so cool!"
-Jayla, 6th



"I like animation because I get to draw."
-Olivia, 7th

DJ and Sound



"We get to learn how to make beats and how to mix other songs"
-Chase, 8th



"I think DJ and Sound is amazing. You get to learn how to use sound engineering software."
-Trevin, 7th

Entrepreneurship



"We talk about business. We learn how to invest our money. We create an item and try and sell it."
-Nathan, 6th



"I enjoyed being able to create my own business."
-Harrison, 7th

Media Production



"I like the ability to make creative works on computers"
-Bella, 8th



"I like to film projects."
-Noah, 7th

Associated Student Body (ASB)



"It's a time where we get to show examples of leadership and make fun events."

-Hannah, 7th



"I really like ASB because we get to create school spirit." - Marcus, 8th



Art



"I love how Mrs. Bond helps us express ourselves in a creative way while having fun."

-Sophie, 8th



"Art is lots of fun. It is peaceful because it helps me be calm and release stress."

-Elijah, 7th



"I get to express myself in different ways. It makes me feel free."

-Gianna, 6th

STEM



"I like stem because we get to build and talk to our friends"

-Ryan, 7th



"We do a lot of interesting things. The class is very unique."

-Bells, 6th

Yearbook



"I like yearbook because I get to design pages."

-Christian, 7th



"Yearbook is fun because I get to learn about the different programs that we use."

-Hannah, 7th

Acting



"I like acting because we got to play lots of fun acting games."

Sophia K, 7th



"It made me more comfortable when it comes to public speaking."

-Jaxen, 7th



"I like how we learned about different positions on the stage. And we acted out fun skits."

-Hannah, 7th

Dance



"What I like about dance is being in there with my friends and learning new dance styles" C'enna, 8th



"I like dancing with my friends"

-Genavieve, 6th



"I like dance because we are able to dance with our friends"

-Cassidy, 7th

STUDENT COUNCIL

"I wanted to be president because I love helping make choices with my classmates. I enjoy making the school a better place"
-Taylor, 5th



"It's fun. They do bake sales. We get to buy cookies and lemonade. Sometimes even doughnuts!"
-Demera, 2nd



"I love that they did the lemonade stand for us. It was perfect for a hot day"
-Piper, Kinder





"Student Council is lot of fun. I enjoy making the school a better place. I enjoy the bake sales. It teaches us to be entrepreneurs."
-Scarlett, 5th

"I like the Lemonade Stand. It was a hot day. The lemonade was refreshing and the cookies were yummy."
-London, 1st



"The girls in my grade make up Student Council. I like how much work they put into the spirit weeks. It's a lot of fun!"
-JJ, 5th

"I think Student Council would be a lot of fun to be in. They decide what we do for Read Across America and bake sales!"
-Evan, 3rd

"Student Council is cool! They do so many fundraisers for people in need! They make the school year fun!"
-Ely, 5th

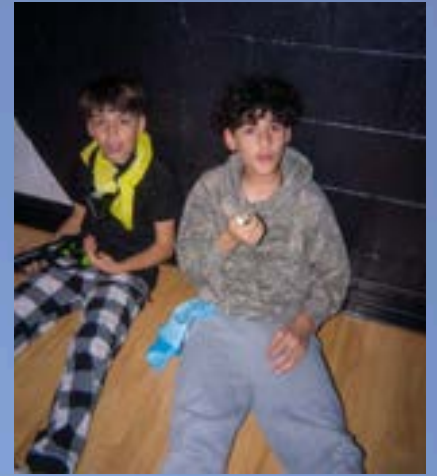
"I loved Student Council because we help out with making decisions. I like making the other classes happy."
-Tyler, 5th





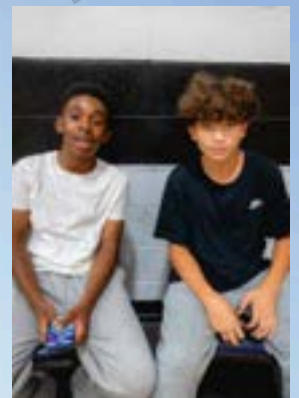
ASB

"Growth happens



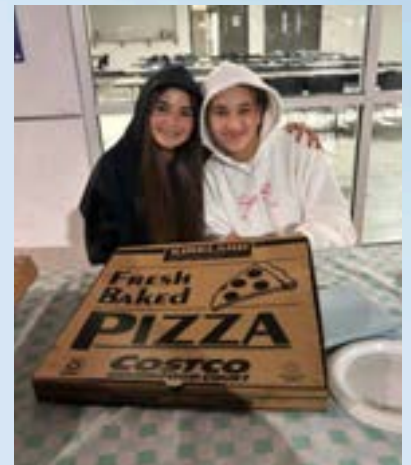
"ASB, is all about leadership. We have fun hosting events, Tribe Games, and creating fun spirit weeks. As a part of ASB, I enjoy planning un nights we'll never forget."

-Levi, 8th



"ASB does a good job at keeping the school running. I love the Tribe Games. They support our school a lot. They plan the spirit weeks. I appreciate what ASB does."

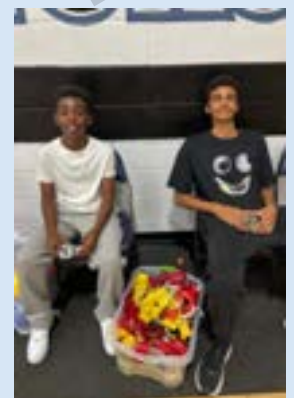
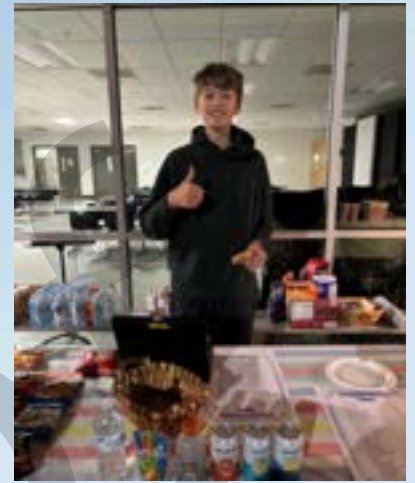
-Anthony, 7th





"ASB hosts fun events!
Our friends come together, play games, eat, and hang out. We have game night, movie night, and even a student store!"
-Sophia K., 7th

"I love the way Mrs. Barnes pushes us to become better people and to grow in our leadership skills."
-Madelyn, 8th

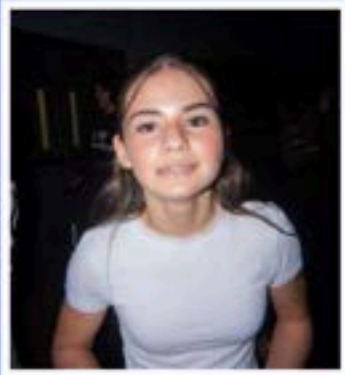


"ASB plans really cool stuff! The games are super fun, especially laser tag! The events are cool and creative!"
-Nathan, 6th



ASB Events





CJSF



It has been an honor to work with this amazing group of CJSF girls this year. They have poured their hearts into serving others and have shown how much of a difference can be made when you walk closely with the Lord. I have loved getting to know them better and seeing their gifts and talents used in such meaningful ways. Being a mentor and leader alongside them has also taught me so much, and I am grateful for all I have learned during this time together. I am so proud of each of them and thankful for this special year.

-Mrs. Barnes



"CJSF is a great learning opportunity to serve our community. Mrs. Barnes makes it really fun!"
-Ruby 8th



"CJSF has been a great experience to strengthen my leadership skills. Mrs. Barnes motivated us as we glorified God!"
-Madelyn 8th



"I like serving my community, off and on campus. CJSF helps us do that!"
-Joanna 8th



"CJSF is exciting! We do community service. We set up fun events for the elementary kids. I love being a part of CJSF and getting to know the younger students."
-Hannah, 7th



Elementary Flag Football



It was such a privilege to coach this group of boys this season. We may have been short in numbers and experience, but we were never short on faith, belief, and heart. These boys showed up early, stayed late, embraced every challenge, and were willing to play whatever role the team needed for the good of everyone. I'm so proud of the dedication, joy, and brotherhood they built together this season.



-Coach Angel



Coach Angel



Coach JD

Not pictured: James Daniele

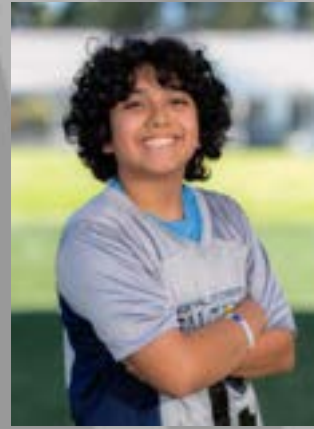
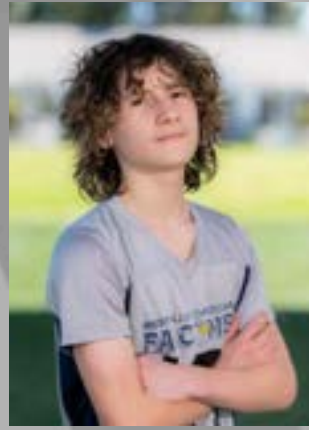
Middle School Flag Football



It was a privilege to spend this season with these boys and walk alongside them as they learned the game. One thing we talked about all season was that what matters most isn't where we go, but who we become along the way. Through the highs and the tough moments, they showed what it means to become brothers who stick together and play for one another. Watching them grow from students who were playing for themselves into a team who knows the importance of sacrifice was really special, and I'm incredibly proud of each of them.



-Coach Angel



Middle School Basketball



The middle school boys basketball team put together a fantastic season and entering the championship game as the underdog. What followed was one of the most electric games you could ask for—leading the entire way... with intensity, resilience, and heart on full display. When adversity hit—with tough, physical play, and even a starter fouling out—this team didn't fold. They rallied. Teammates lifted each other, and the bench stepped up. In a hostile away gym filled with noise and pressure, these boys played with unity and grit. The game ended in celebration—players jumping with joy, filled with pride for how hard they fought for each other and for Coach Matt. Thank you to our cheerleaders and parents—your energy was felt and fueled this team throughout the night. We are incredibly proud of this group, not just for winning the championship, but for the character, perseverance, and teamwork they displayed all season long. They represented the Falcons with excellence.



—Ryan Jorgenson, Athletic Director

League- Champs



"Strength isn't just skill-
it's how we respond."

Elementary Boys Basketball



The ES boys basketball season went great. This was a season of boys from 4th to 6th grade learning the game of basketball and beginning to understand it with purpose. At a young age, learning plays takes both a sharp mind and a committed heart. As Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." These boys showed up to every practice and every game wanting to get better and compete the right way. Winning or losing never mattered most; what mattered was having a fun season and learning something along the way. I believe they showed up each day with heart and a desire to grow.



-Coach JD



Middle School Girls Basketball

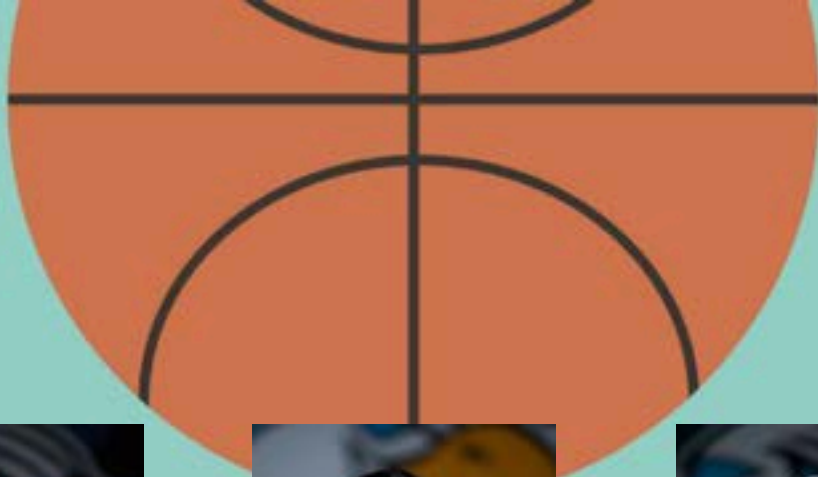


I could not be more proud of our middle school girls basketball team this season. From the first practice to the final game, they played with heart, energy, and determination. They competed hard every time they stepped on the court, always giving their best effort and bringing great spirit to every game. What stood out most was their growth; they showed up each day ready to learn, improve, and push themselves, and it was incredible to watch their skills and confidence develop over time.

Most importantly, this team honored God in the way they played and carried themselves. They encouraged one another, demonstrated strong sportsmanship, stayed positive no matter the circumstances. Their unity, character, and commitment to something bigger than the game made this season truly special, and I am so proud of the young women they are becoming.



-Coach Matt





MS Girls Volleyball



It has been such a pleasure coaching the girl's volleyball team this year. We have the biggest team I have seen in the past few years, it is great to see interest in volleyball growing. Even though our season is only about halfway over, I have seen so much improvement in all the girls from tryouts to now. Most girls on the team had never played volleyball before and now they look like a cohesive team when playing together. I am excited to see how the rest of the season goes and I hope all the girls on the team continue playing volleyball!



-Coach Sophie



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Elementary Co-Ed Soccer

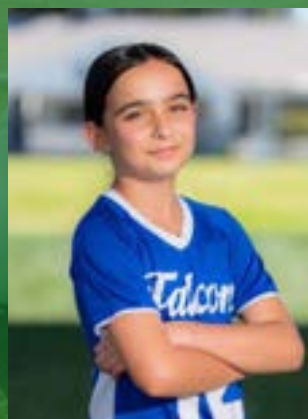


The team this season has showed so much grit and teamwork. I am so proud of their growth and strength both on and off of the field. They show it every time they hype each other up, are eager to learn, and pick themselves up to try again.

-Coach Kira

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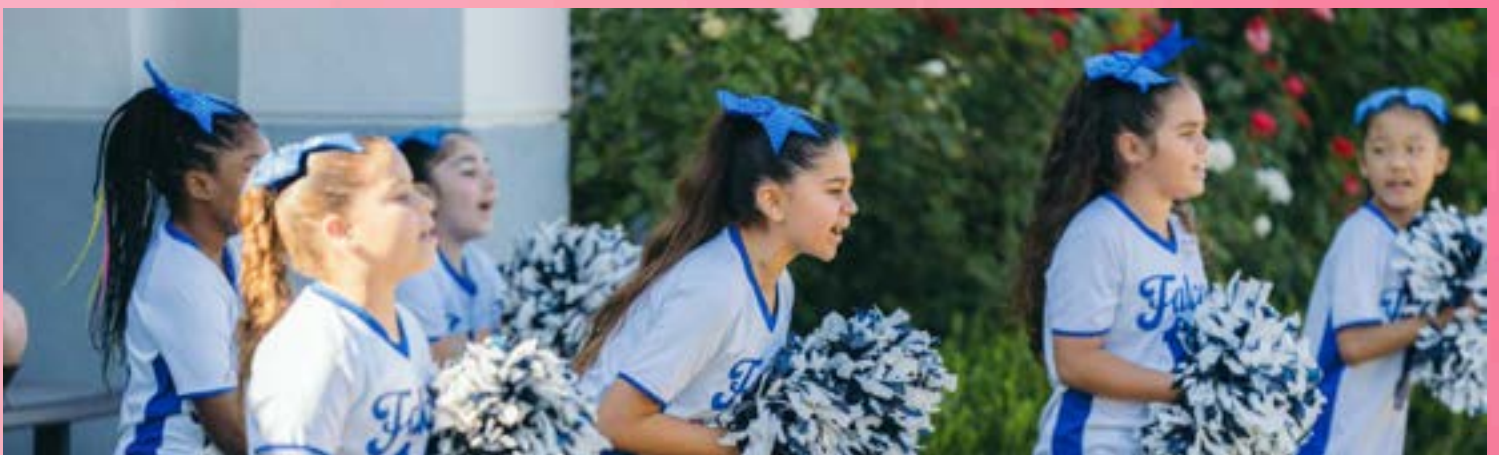
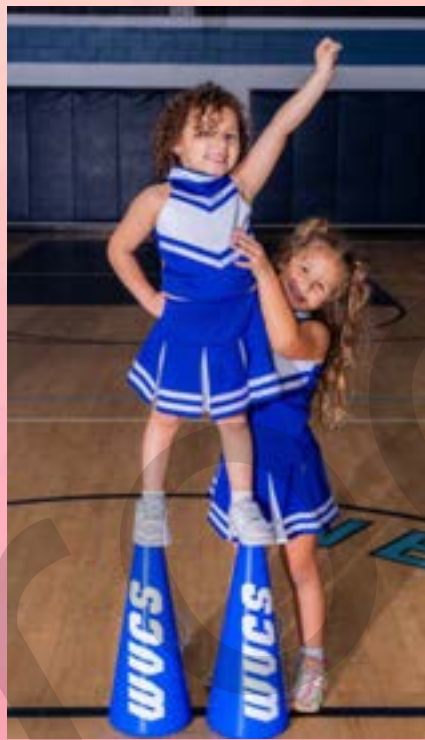
Cheerleading Squad



The girls worked so hard all season, practicing, conditioning, and memorizing cheers before each game. They embody the title “cheerleader”, spreading kindness by encouraging their classmates in the classroom and on the field. I am so proud of how much they have learned and grown, both in cheer and their faith!



-Coach Julia



Clubs

Soccer



Stem



Basketball



Taekwondo



RC Cars and Drones



Guitar



DJ Club



Middle School Beach Day

"God's heart shows up in community!"



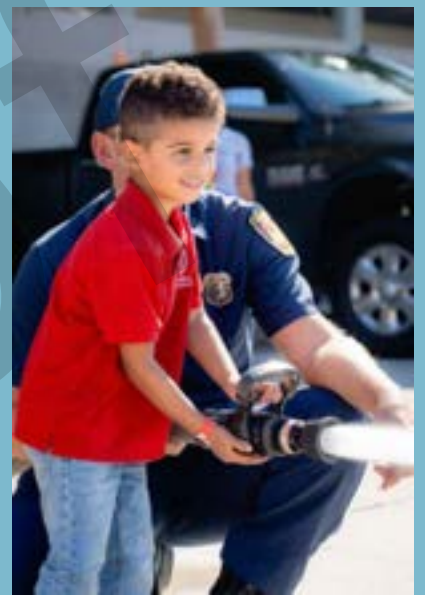


"I love beach day because I get to spend time with my friends."
-Ryan, 7th

"Beach day is the best! We get to hang out, praise the Lord, and bond."
-Anson, 8th



Elementary Field Trips



"We went to San Juan Capistrano. I liked the Great Stone Church.

It was kind of destroyed but still looked beautiful!"

-Liliana, 4th



"We went to Leonis Adobe. It was very fun. We got to explore. We saw how it used to be a long time ago. It was really cool to see."

-Emilia, 2nd



"We went to the z . I liked it because we got t see all the animals and learn abut them. It was fun!"

-Mikah, 1st



Elementary Field Trips



"We went to the Santa Barbara Zoo!
At the zoo, we got to go to a night
field trip and we slept there. We went
to bed late. In the morning, we got to
see so many animals. My favorite
animal I saw was the Capybara."
-Sylvanie, 3rd





"At the zoo, I loved feeding the giraffes! They tickled my hands"
-Ava, Kinder



"I love Astrocamp. One thing I really enjoyed was the rock climbing. We got to make windmills and see which was the fastest"
-Abby, 5th



ASTROCAMP

"What we learn connects to real life."





Catalina Island

"God meets us in the deep-
not just on the shore."

"My favorite thing about Catalina Island was the ocean. It has a lot of creatures, and we got to go kayaking and snorkeling. Another favorite thing was hiking because we got to see nature and all of the animals. Oh, yeah, I also caught a big red fish."

-Anson, 8th



"I liked flipping over the rocks with my friends by the shore and finding crabs and shells. I also enjoyed going out in the water with my friends and being able to partner up in kayaks."

-Vera, 7th

"Dissecting the squid was fun. I loved cutting the squid open and taking out the spine at the back. It was cool to move around all the organs inside and take out the ink sack. I thought it was really fun overall."

-Connor, 6th



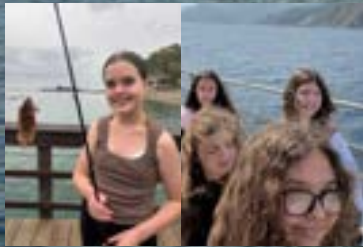
The sunrise was my favorite! It looked really cool. Also the rocks, and the waves. I was playing basketball, and the beach was right in front of me. I got like a great view of everything. I loved all the rocks, all the sand, the water, and the sky. It was awesome.

-Isaiah, 6th



"I really liked kayaking and the snorkeling. It was really cool to get to see all the fish, like up close instead of in a boat. I did enjoy the hiking. I don't usually like hiking, but the view was very worth it. Especially at night.

-Lisa, 7th





Washington DC Trip



"A hearing heart learns not just by listening,
but by seeing."



DC was one of my favorite experiences I've ever done. I enjoyed going to cool museums and monuments, getting to know more about America and the challenges we faced as a country. -Levi, 8th



My favorite part of the DC trip was visiting George Washington's old home, Mount Vernon. It was fascinating to see all the different rooms, so ornately designed. The wilderness and gardens around his house were beautiful. -Marcus, 8th





My favorite part about our DC trip was probably the Bible Museum. Everything was so cool, and the little movies with the light and sound effects were really awesome. -Madelyn, 8th



DC was a lot of fun! My favorite part about going on this trip was seeing all of the beautiful architecture. The buildings were so cool to see because of the carved pillars and the artwork inside the buildings. It was amazing to look at and I'm very happy I was able to go on a trip like this. -Ruby, 8th





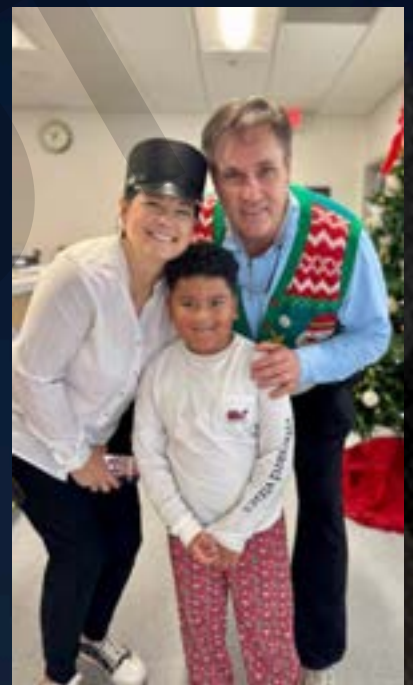
That's My King

"My voice matters"





The Polar Express





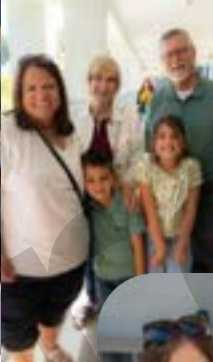


"We don't have to be perfect, just willing."





GRANDPARENTS DAY





Veteran's Day

"We love because we were first loved."



"I enjoyed the all-school chapel and honoring our veterans."
-Justin, 7th



"I like that we got to see who served our country. Its means a lot to me!"
-Journey, 4th

"At Veteran's Day, me and my friends got to sing at chapel. It was a lot of fun to sing for them. And they cheered for us." -Eazy, Kinder





"Mr. Swales always dreamed of hosting this day. Our Veterans take very good care of our country and our school."
-Eli, 1st



"I like when the soldiers tell us stories." -Vincent, 3rd

"I want to thank the Veterans. I liked seeing the cool Lamborghini at the school." -Bo, 2nd



"I really liked when we performed. And when the Veterans spoke and told stories"
-Lilly, 5th



Spirit Week

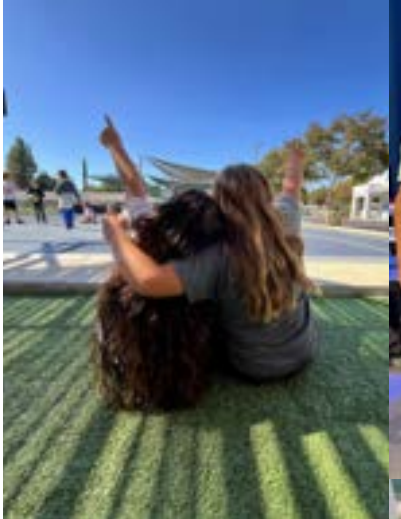
















C'enna we are beyond proud of you as you graduate 8th grade and step into this next chapter of your life. Watching you grow throughout the years into the young woman you are today has been one of our greatest blessings. From your early days to now, we have seen your strength, your kindness, and your faith flourish in such beautiful ways. Your dedication to dance, your strength and skill in volleyball, and the way you carry yourself each day continue to amaze us. But even more than that, we are in awe of your love for Jesus and how you live it out daily with kindness and grace. Capri looks up to you with so much love, and your brother in heaven, Capri, is always a part of your story, watching over you. Never forget how deeply you are loved and how bright your future is. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5-6. Keep shining, keep believing, and always walk in His light. We love you always.
Love, your Family



Chase,

I hope you always believe in yourself the way I believe in you. This is just the beginning, and I can't wait to see where your hard work, heart, and character take you next.

I am so proud to be your mom. I love you always!



Natalie, we are so proud of you and how much you have learned and accomplished! We know God has good plans for you and we can't wait to see what the future holds. We love you!

- Mommy and Daddy

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you have imagined."
- Henry David Thoreau



LILLY LOU

We are so PROUD of you. You have grown into such a bright and beautiful girl. You are loved to the moon and back. Dream big baby girl, you are going to SHINE





Congratulations to our favorite little blessings!

From TK to Kindergarten and Kinder to 1st. We are so proud of the amazing kids you are becoming. Thank you for giving us daily entertainment, chaos, and the biggest smiles. May God continue to cover you, guide you, and light your path as you grow through these elementary years. Keep being kind, brave, and joyful!

<3, your family!!



Lincoln - You are so loved, so cherished, and we are so proud of you. Watching you grow this year in Kindergarten has been such a joy. We can't wait to see all the amazing things you do in 1st grade and beyond.

Mom, Dad, and Nana.



Congratulations to our son, Nehvan on your middle school graduation!!! We are so incredibly proud of you.

Nehvan, you display so much integrity, grit, and determination for everything you are passionate about. You are a warrior and a fighter, and we love you so much! I pray God continues to strengthen and guide you on the path he has set forth. We are so excited for your high school journey!! Keep shining, keep growing, and keep seeking the Lord remembering and having faith He is with you every step of the way.

Love always, Dad, Mom, Naithen, Nevaeh, Blossom and Keeper!



Kingston, we are so proud of you! Watching you grow and learn this year has been such a joy. You've done an amazing job in kindergarten and we can't wait to see all you do in first grade.

Keep being kind, brave, and true to yourself. We love you so much! Mom, Mya & TJ



Our sweet Ava,

In what feels like the blink of an eye, you've grown and are already nishing 4th grade! We are so proud of the wonderful person you are becoming.

May your life always be lled with happiness and success. Never forget that Mom and Dad love you deeply, believe in you, and will always be by your side.



Dear Baron, You've had an amazing first year of middle school. We're incredibly proud of you! We love you!
Love, Mom & Dad.



Beautiful Vera,

Be bold. Be brave. Be you. There's no limit to what you can do.

We are so proud of you! Love Mom & Dad



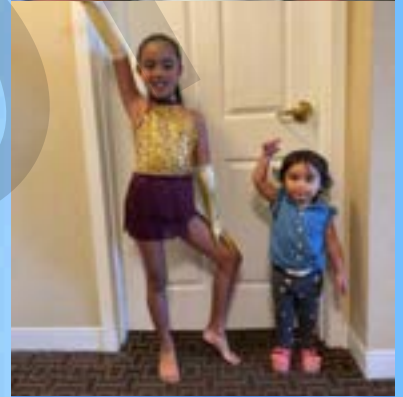
Emmy,

You constantly encourage us with your passion, dedication, love and kindness!!! We are proud of you and all that you are becoming. Continue to learn, grow, and shine like the light Jesus is calling you to be.

Love Mom, Dad and Eloise!!!

“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

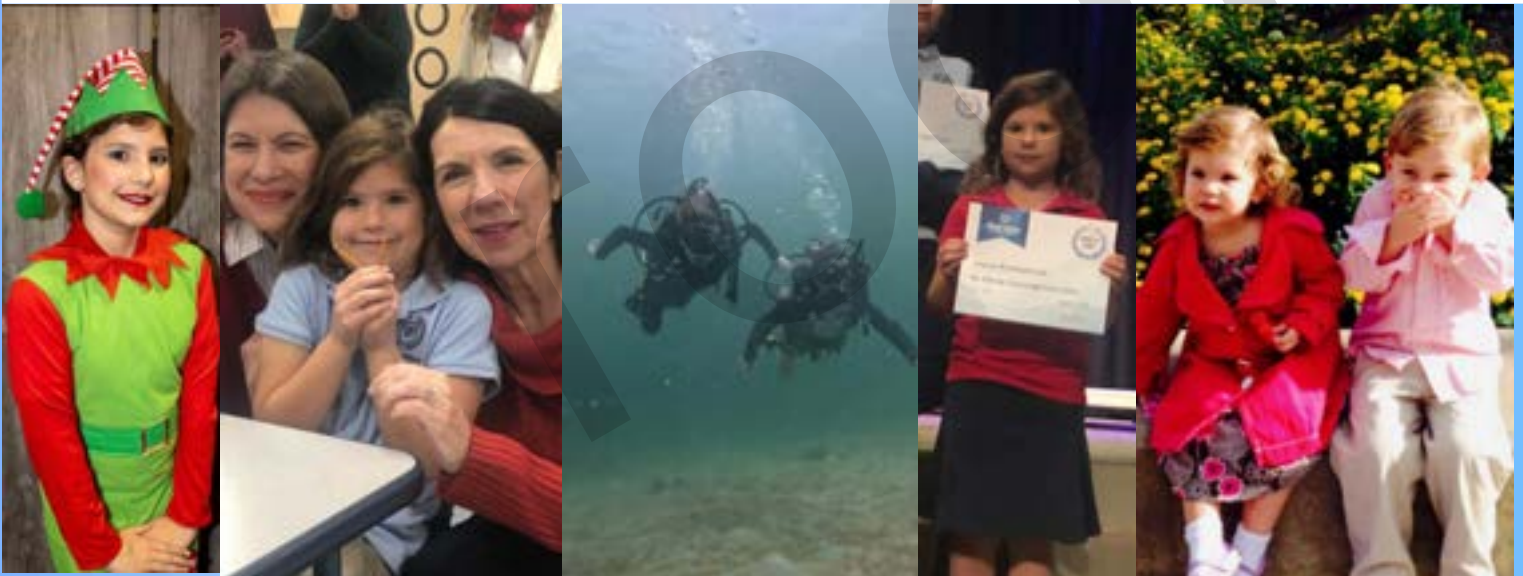
John 7:38 NIV





Levi, what an incredible journey it has been watching you grow over the past 10 years at WVCS. You are smart, funny, and truly one of the kindest people we know. Your loyalty to your friends and family in everything you do, and it's something that makes you so special. You have a way of bringing people together and making those around you feel valued. We love how much you love Jesus. We are so proud of the person you are and can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll do next—your future is so bright because we know it's going to be one great adventure. We love you!

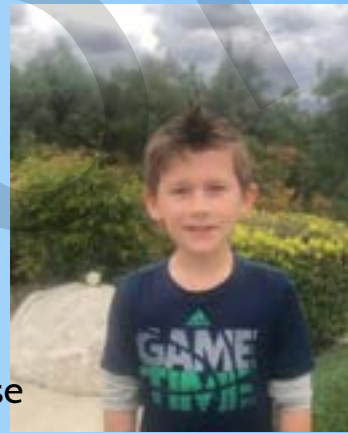
Kate, what a joy it has been watching you grow through your elementary school years! You bring so much energy and light wherever you go. You are spunky, incredibly kind, and so genuinely sweet, with a love for life that is truly special. You embrace every moment and are always ready for your next adventure. Being on the go makes you happiest. We can't wait to see you shine in middle school things, and we're so proud of you. We love you!



Dearest Sophia,

We are so very proud of you! You grow in beauty—inside and out—everyday. You are kind, thoughtful, caring, sympathetic, and compassionate. And you are always ready to come to the aid of anyone who needs help. Like your brother, you are quite the actor—in Wizard of Oz, Little Mermaid, and Scrooge. We are so excited about your future and know you will continue to become even more of who God created you to be. As your Grandpa used to say, "You are a joy to our lives."

Love, Mom and Grandma



Nicholas William Boultinghouse
WVCS 2019-2026

We chose names for you with family history. Nicholas means "Victory of the People". William means "Resolute & Strong-Willed Protector". Boultinghouse is named after a Village in Germany

Nicholas, we are so proud of the amazing young man you are becoming! Not only are you exceedingly handsome, intelligent, athletic, and artistic; You are so witty, kind, funny, determined, resourceful, logical, and wise. And a super-fast runner. And, in addition to all that, you are a truly great actor. You've been in school plays and you always played your characters so perfectly -- From Santa Claus in Rudolph, Tim in Scrooge, Farmhand in Wizard of Oz, and the King's butler and friend in Little Mermaid. We are so proud about your future and know you will continue to become even more of who God created you to be. It is an Honor and Pleasure of my Life to be Your Mother. As your Grandpa used to tell you, "You are a joy to live with."

We believe that God will guide you as a resolute and strong-willed protector to many victories for you and for other People. And God will continue to provide you and us with the "village" of family, friends, teachers, mentors, and more to achieve All your Dreams. Being blessed by God with you and Sophia is our greatest victory. We will always be there for you cheering you on, supporting you, and loving you to the end and back.

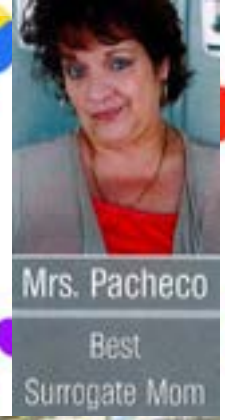


Liana & Sofia,

We are so proud of both of you each and every day. Watching you grow into kind, and compassionate young women has been one of our greatest joys. We pray that you continue to walk in faith, keep Jesus at the center of your lives, and always choose kindness in all that you do.

Never forget the strength you have in each other—stand by one another, support one another, and always have each other's back. Keep shining, keep believing, and know that Mom and Dad love you more than words can express.

Thank you, Mrs. Pacheco!



I am so blessed with Alice's friendship. Her love for the Lord and her students has been such a blessing to me. I will always cherish her testimony of God's grace even in the hardest of times. Thank you Alice for your faithfulness, love, prayers for my kids and your friendship. Love you dearly.

-Mrs. Swales



Alice has loved me, my children, and this school so endlessly. She is a faithful encourager, always pointing others back to the Lord. I will miss her faithfulness, her Falcon pride, and her willingness to stop, drop, and pray at any moment of the day!

-Mrs. Herget



Retirement Tribute for Alice Pacheco

After 24 years of faithful service, we pause with full hearts to honor Alice Pacheco—a woman the Lord has used to shape not just a school, but a community rooted in love, faith, and purpose.

Alice has never simply held a position—she has lived out a calling. She has been present in the moments that matter most: walking alongside colleagues through the joys of raising children, celebrating weddings, and carrying one another through seasons of loss. Her care has never stopped at the classroom door; it has always gone deeper, reflecting the compassion of Christ in real and tangible ways. The fact that some students returned to stand with her family at her father's funeral says more than words ever could. That is the fruit of a life poured out for others.

There is also a joy in Alice that feels like a gift from the Lord. She is just as likely to be found in a backyard band cheering on her husband, or dancing with a freedom that reminds us that joy is angelic. And with that same energy, she taught Spanish, and she has poured herself into student leadership—planning, organizing, and bringing to life experiences that students will carry with them long after they leave.

But what sets Alice apart most is her quiet, unwavering faith. She is the one who will stop in the middle of a busy day to pray with you, to bring your burdens before the Lord without hesitation. She has reminded so many of us what it looks like to depend on God in both the ordinary and the difficult moments. Simple words like, "Thank you for praying for Edwin," carry weight because they come from a heart that truly believes in the power of prayer.

Personally, I will never forget the encouragement she spoke over me: "Oh Mr. Swales, how much you have grown since you came to WVCS." That is who Alice is—she sees what God is doing in people, she calls it out, and she celebrates it. She builds others up with sincerity and grace. She is often the first to affirm what the Lord is doing, whether through a chapel message or in the quiet growth of a colleague.

And maybe the clearest picture of Alice is this: huddled with students, leaning in, listening closely, speaking life and hope into their hearts. In those moments, you see the heart of a shepherd—someone reflecting the love of Jesus to the next generation.

Alice, your life has been a testimony. Your fingerprints are not only on this campus, but on hearts that will carry your influence into the world. Scripture reminds us that "your labor in the Lord is not in vain," and we see that truth in you.

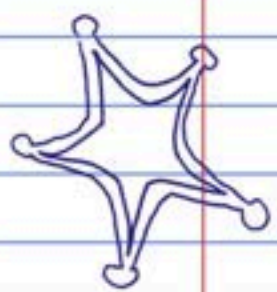
Thank you for 24 years of faithfulness, humility, joy, and love. You will be deeply missed, but we trust that the seeds you have planted will continue to grow for years to come.

May the Lord richly bless you in this next season... as grandma!

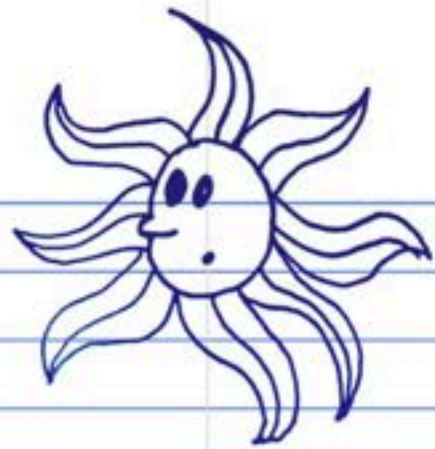
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Mr. Swales



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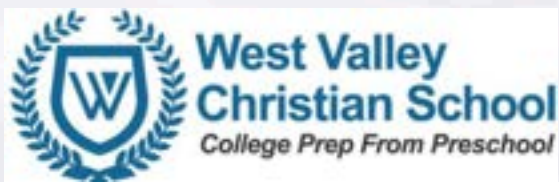


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Shepherding a child's heart...

Dear Parents,

todo hard things with gratitude and joy

There are moments in a school year that don't appear significant at first glance. They are not always celebrated, and they don't always show up in grades or performance. Often, they look like hesitation, struggle, or even failure. Yet those are the moments where the most important work is taking place.

This year, your children were consistently placed into environments that required them to do hard things—not randomly, but intentionally. Academic rigor, rightly understood, is not simply more work or harder material. It is the process of asking students to think deeply, remain engaged, and persist when learning becomes difficult. You saw that take shape in meaningful ways: in classrooms where students engaged in debate, analytical writing, and complex problem-solving; in a college-preparatory track that required discipline, revision, and sustained focus; in STEM and applied learning environments where failure became part of the process of growth; in creative work where students risked being seen; and in athletics, where pressure revealed resilience, composure, and teamwork.

These experiences are not isolated—they are formative. They are designed to stretch students beyond comfort, and in doing so, reveal something deeper. Because the greatest challenge your child faced this year was not only academic—it was internal. The hesitation to begin, the fear of failure, the tendency to compare, and the quiet question: “Am I capable?” This is where the purpose of a Christian education becomes clear. We are not only asking students to do hard things—we are asking what is happening in their heart as they do them.

Through chapel and classroom experiences, students were given language to understand what they were facing. In the parables of Jesus, they saw that growth is determined merely by opportunity, but by the condition of the heart receiving it. At the same time, they encountered the heart of God—a Shepherd who pursues, a Father who restores, and a Savior who meets them in the middle of their need.

When a student begins to understand that they are known, forgiven, and not alone, something begins to shift. Not instantly or perfectly, but steadily aware of the knowledge of God's grace and truth. We see it in small but meaningful ways: students returning to difficulty instead of avoiding it, showing greater willingness to revisit and persist, developing internal motivation, and growing in awareness of others through encouragement and support.

This is where rigor and faith intersect. The goal is not simply higher performance, but a changed posture. As Jesus describes in the Beatitudes, this transformation begins in the heart and expresses itself outwardly. And as that happens, something else begins to grow—GRATITUDE and JOY. Not because circumstances are easy, but because students begin to recognize that they are being guided, strengthened, and formed by God's GRACE and TRUTH. From that GRATITUDE flows a visible change. Students begin to love differently. They serve, encourage, take responsibility, and make choices based not only on what is easiest, but on what is right. This marks a significant shift—from being cared for to becoming someone who cares for others, from being taught to becoming someone who lives with purpose.

This is what we mean by an abundant life of joy and thanksgiving—not one defined by comfort or achievement alone, but one shaped by God's grace and truth. Grace, in receiving what cannot be earned - forgiveness and love for Jesus. Truth, in being formed in ways that stretch and refine - learning to trust His Word. And through both, the freedom to grow, to persevere, and to live without needing to prove oneself. This kind of formation does not happen in isolation. It requires partnership—between school and home, between instruction and example, between what is taught and what is lived. Together, we are not only preparing students academically; we are shepherding their hearts to do hard things with joy and thanksgiving to God.

As we reflect on this year, we are grateful not only for what your children have accomplished, but for what is taking root within them. Because that is where lasting impact is found. Thank you for your trust and partnership.

With gratitude,
School Administrator
Mr. Swales





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