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WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Throughlines

Sarah Bowler, Head of School
(Class of 1995)



Welcome to the summer edition of the *Crusader Chronicle*, where we celebrate our graduates, and reflect on another impactful year of Christian education at WCS. As you know, our school has been focused on Teaching for Transformation (TfT) for the past three years. TfT has introduced us to a set of throughlines which they define as, “discipleship habits and practices that both form the learners and transform God’s world around them. Throughlines help students, teachers, and parents imagine what it means to be a disciple within God’s story. They articulate a vision for how their school’s graduates will live.” I invite you to read more about our experience with TfT Throughlines beginning on page 11.

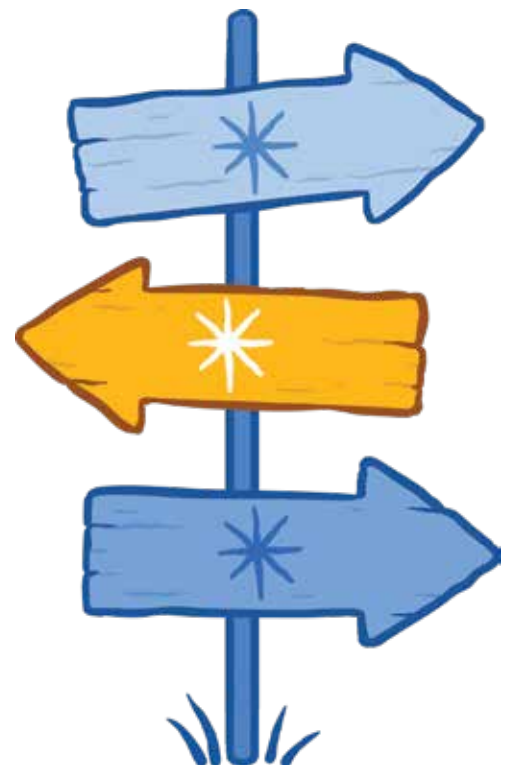
Throughlines are much more than just educational goals; they are the enduring understandings and practices that we aim to instill in our students, guiding them as they grow into the individuals God has called them to be. These throughlines are threads that weave together the fabric of our character.

Having spent many hours at Old Sturbridge Village when my children were young, I have seen the process of creating yarn or thread from wool. As is obvious, shearing a sheep doesn’t just result in a skein of yard. There is the washing, the combing (to remove more impurities and strengthen the fiber), followed by spinning the fibers into thread. Just as there is a process to go from wool to fabric, there is a process we must follow in order for the TfT Throughlines to be an integral part of each graduate’s life. From preschool through grade 12, we are working through the stages of recognizing, modeling, and practicing the particular traits that God desires in each of us. At WCS we are partnering with parents to develop these threads, threads that when woven together create a strong foundation for a life focused on “Christ-like service in God’s world.”

In May, 54 students graduated from WCS, prepared to take the step from recognizing and practicing these throughlines to living out the final part of our mission: “Christ-like service in God’s world.” We look forward to seeing them carry forward the threads of what they have learned here, weaving the rich fabric of a life dedicated to faith and service.

“He has shown you,
O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord
require of you? To act
justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with
your God.”

- Micah 6:8



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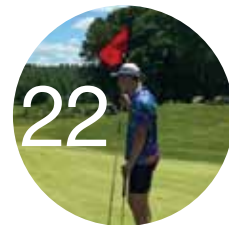
ON THE COVER

Phyllis Kuik is greeted by her fifth grade penpals, Dominic and Elliot. Read more about their project beginning on page 11.

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Distinguished Alumni

We are accepting nominations for the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award at advancement@whitinsvillechristian.org!

We welcome your thoughts on this issue and would love to hear what types of articles you would like to see in future issues. Please email Laural Plourde, Director of Advancement, at advancement@whitinsvillechristian.org with your suggestions.



Our Graduates are Living the Story!



Justin Vos, Valedictorian



Annika Fortna, Salutatorian

Commencement ceremonies were held on Friday, May 31, 2024, to celebrate the 54 members of the Class of 2024. It was a beautiful spring evening and a wonderful celebration of their hard work and accomplishments. This was a particularly close and special class, with fourteen of the students recognized as Founder's Award recipients (those who have attended WCS since kindergarten) and ten identified as Legacy Family students (those with parents or grandparents who also attended WCS). We are truly grateful for the gifts and talents these students have shared with the faculty, staff, and other students during their time at WCHS, whether they joined us as transfer students or have attended WCS since kindergarten.

Justin Vos was named valedictorian and encouraged his classmates to live by Jesus' example in how we treat others. Annika Fortna was named salutatorian and reminded her fellow graduates that although we are not guaranteed to have all of our dreams come true, God and God alone gives purpose to our lives.

Mr. Lance Engbers, retired WCHS Head of School, shared the commencement address and recalled many of the students from their early years at WCS. He offered reminisces, advice, and closing words based on the senior class verse: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 24-26. We also cel-



High School Awards



Lance Engbers, retired Head of School

celebrated the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, *Melissa VanderBaan (Class of 1988)* and recognized the time and gifts she has given to WCSH as a volunteer and Board Member. Melissa shared her deep hope that the Class of 2024 be inspired and ignited by their experiences at WCS to live out God's story.

We thank God for your gifts, your talents, and your time at WCS, Class of 2024. Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.



Melissa VanderBaan, 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient



Strong Academic Endeavor Awards

Grade 12 - Nicolas Ferraz
Grade 11 - Hannah Walton
Grade 10 - Meredith Johnson
Grade 9 - Mya Duffy

Academic Subject Awards

Art - Carlie Paharik
Band (John Philip Sousa National Band Award) - Will Johnson and Annika Fortna
Bible - Ava Ibrahim
Business - Ethan Enoch
Choir (National School Choral Award) - Kaylin Fogg and Nicolas Belucio
Drama - Will Johnson and Grace Walton
English - Jaquelyn McNamara
History - Annika Fortna
Math - Sining (Niki) Guo
Musicianship (Quincy Jones National Musicianship Award) - Justin Vos
Orchestra - Asher Bell and Erin Wyndham
Science (Biological) - Nicolas Belucio
Science (Physical) - Avery Glidden
Outstanding Science Award - Ava Ibrahim
Spanish - Annika Fortna
Technology - Asher Bell and Colin Gava

Additional Awards

RPI Medal Program Award - Corbin Swaim
WPI Mathematics Scholarship - Brady Gorman
Mass. Secondary Administrators Award - Justin Vos
Senior Athlete Female - Margaret J. and Meadow O'Connell
Senior Athlete Male - Caleb Deters
Heisman High School Scholarship - Avery Glidden
Brandeis Book Award - Caden Anema
Harvard Book Award - George Foint
Lasell Book Award - Joanna Graves
Smith Book Award - Charlotte Bartlett
Suffolk University Book Award - Emelyn DeWeerd
Carson Scholarship - Emma Wierenga
DAR Good Citizens Award - Caleb Deters

Annual Local and Memorial Scholarships

Blackstone Valley Rotary Club - Meadow O'Connell
Garry and Annette Keessen Scholarship - Julia Gibbons
Jim and Jean Nydam Memorial Scholarship - Gillian McGee
Roland and Sandra Vander Baan Scholarship - Jude Goodson
Milford Federal Savings & Loan Scholarship - Ava Ibrahim
UniBank Scholarship - Meadow O'Connell
Yvette Manosh Memorial Scholarship - Ethan Enoch
Groot STEM Scholarship - Colin Gava
Najem Family Scholarship - Ethan Enoch
Fredericks Family Award, Perseverance and Personal Success - Claire Tubo
Leonard M. Krull Memorial Scholarship - Justin Vos
Sadie DeYoung Memorial Scholarship - Justin Vos
Thelma DeYoung Memorial Award for Excellence - George Foint
Arthur A. Wiersma Memorial Scholarship - Ethan Enoch and Meadow O'Connell
Eric J. Cook Memorial Scholarship - Caleb Deters
George J. VandenAkker Memorial Scholarship - Molly Burkhart
Kimberly Hannon Memorial Scholarship - Kaylin Fogg

Founders Award (Graduates who have attended WCS since Kindergarten): Asher Bell, Molly Burkhart, Zachary Casey, Kate Crowley, Caleb Deters, Camdyn Forget, Margaret Johnson, Kelly Keeler, Adrienne Marshall, Delia Moloney, Isaiah Plantinga, Hayden Plourde, Chloe Richey, and Grace Walton

Outstanding Senior Award

Kaylin Fogg and Caleb Deters



Next Steps in the Journey

Asher Bell
 Nicolas Belucio
 Ella Brochu
 Dylan Brown
 Molly Burkhart
 Wesley Burns
 Zachary Casey
 Noelle Champigny
 Sam Christo
 Grace Conners
 Kate Crowley
 Isabella Da Silveira
 Cam Desmarais
 Caleb Deters
 James Dudley
 Ethan Enoch
 Nicolas Ferraz
 Maria Fletcher
 Megan Foellmer
 Kaylin Fogg
 Camdyn Forget
 Annika Fortna
 Colin Gava
 Avery Glidden
 Matthew Godin
 Sining Guo
 Evan Hand
 Ava Ibrahim

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Liberty University
 Keene State College
 Bridgewater State
 Gordon College
 EMT Training Program
 Calvin University
 Assumption University
 Gordon College
 University of South Carolina
 Saint Anselm College
 Bentley University
 Marianapolis Preparatory School
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Gordon College
 Gordon College
 Gap Year
 Quinnipiac University
 Endicott College
 Liberty University
 University of New Hampshire
 Calvin University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 William & Mary
 University of Massachusetts Amherst
 Boston University
 Gordon College
 Calvin University

Margaret Johnson
 William Johnson
 Kelly Keeler
 Makenna Kitchen
 Hannah Lashley
 Adrienne Marshall
 Sean McGrath
 Jaquelyn McNamara
 Victoria McNamara
 Liam Menard
 Delia Moloney
 Meadow O'Connell
 Carlie Paharik
 Elyssa Pastor
 Isaiah Plantinga
 Hayden Plourde
 Pedro Henrique Ramos
 Chloe Richey
 Nathan Romine
 Declan Smith
 Justin Vos
 Grace Walton
 Ally Weedon
 Abigail Wozniak
 Eme Wyndham
 Erin Wyndham

Marist College
 Gordon College
 University of Maine
 Eastern University
 Messiah University
 Career in Childcare
 UMASS Amherst
 Elon University
 Liberty University
 Arizona State University
 University of Delaware
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Pratt Institute of Art
 Keene State College
 Marianapolis Preparatory School
 Quinnipiac University
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Stonehill College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 University of California, Berkeley
 Calvin University
 Liberty University
 University of Mississippi
 Wheaton College (MA)
 Sacred Heart University
 Nichols College



Molly Burkhart with mother, Becky (Patnode) Burkhart (Class of 1994)



Zachary Casey with father, John Casey (Class of 1986)



Cam Desmarais with mother, Kristine (Prout) McGrath (Class of 1997)

Legacy Families

It is an honor to recognize our legacy graduates, students with one or more family members who have also attended Whitinsville Christian School.



Caleb Deters with grandmother, Marilyn Nydam (Class of 1966), and mother, Elizabeth (Anderson) Deters (Class of 1997)



Kaylin Fogg with father, Ian Fogg (Class of 1995)



Kelly Keeler with mother, Heather (Smith) Keeler (Class of 1999)



Margaret Johnson with father, Bryan Johnson (Class of 1995); mother, Erika (Anderson) Johnson (Class of 1996); and grandmother, Marilyn Nydam (Class of 1966)



Isaiah Plantinga with grandfather, Harold Plantinga (Class of 1953); and in memoriam, mother, Cindy (Plantinga) Hart (Class of 1987)



Alexandra Weedon with mother, Shelley (LaFleur) Weedon (Class of 1987); and in memoriam, grandfather, Sidney LaFleur (Class of 1950)



Will Johnson with mother, Kelly (Young) Johnson (Class of 1991), and father, Tim Johnson (Class of 1993)

NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE!

In April, our elementary students delivered two wonderful performances of *Not Your Average Joe!* Under the direction of Shannon May, WCS Music Teacher, our young actors told the classic Old Testament story of Joseph set in the exuberant times and music of the 50's. The scenery and costumes were retro but the lesson remains: trust the Lord with all your heart.





Anne of Green Gables

Rebecca Snoeyink, WCMS Drama Club Director

“Hello, my name is Anne Shirley, but please call me Cordelia.”

As we worked on this play, I had heard this line well over 100 times, as the play both starts and ends with these infamous words. At our first rehearsal, I went through a moment of nostalgia as I remembered reading Anne’s story as a little girl myself. But then the days and weeks of rehearsals continued passing by, and eventually this phrase just blended in with the other lines. Until one day, it didn’t.

It suddenly hit me that Anne is a little piece of every single student on that stage. She’s the girl who makes silly mistakes in spite of trying her best; she’s the boy who likes a girl but doesn’t know how to appropriately show that. She’s every student who stops to smell the flowers and will never turn down a dare. But Anne also struggles with her identity and figuring out where she fits in. She wants to be called Cordelia, she’s not a fan of her red hair, and she has never had a bosom friend. As time passes, subtle changes are noticeable. With love and acceptance from people around her, Anne grows to love and accept herself just as she is, which is my prayer for the students as well.

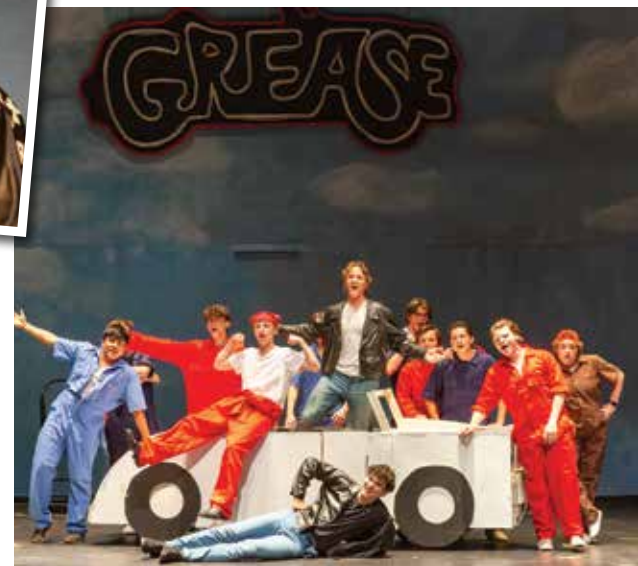


GREASE

Mary Dykstra, WCHS Drama Club Director

Welcome to 1959! *Grease* has become a cultural phenomenon that continues to captivate audiences worldwide. *Grease* isn't just a musical; it's a celebration of youth, of love, of friendship, and of the timeless struggle to find one's identity. In the midst of the chaos of rehearsals there are moments where we catch glimpses of something extraordinary—a spark of creativity, a perfect harmony, a shared laugh—that remind us why we're here. It's in these moments that we experience the beauty and power of storytelling, of music, and of human connection.

It is also in these moments where we experience working as the body of Christ. Just as the body functions harmoniously with each part fulfilling its purpose, so does our production come together to create something greater than the sum of its parts. We always enjoy having our audience join us on these journeys as we become part of a larger story.



We were thrilled to welcome special guest, **Andy Macdonald (Class of 1993)** in the roles of Johnny Casino and Teen Angel.

Andy Macdonald has been making theater ever since a friend convinced him to audition for *Cheaper By the Dozen* (directed by Jerry Van Tol) as a sophomore at WCS. He is currently the Director of Theater Arts at Cannon School in Concord, NC, where he lives with his wife **Lori (Engbers, Class of 1995)** who he met doing a WCS play, and their two children. Andy delivered a rockin' performance for the Rydell High dance, and his rendition of *Beauty School Dropout* among the bubbles will not soon be forgotten!



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Teaching for Transformation identifies ten throughlines that form the basis of who we are called to be as part of God's story.

Creation Enjoying
Idolatry Discerning
Order Discovering
Beauty Creating
Community Building
Justice Seeking
Servant Working
God Worshiping
Image Reflecting
Earth Keeping

To help students recognize these throughlines in others, many of our lessons highlight people from the past and present whose lives reflect these traits. In May our 5th grade students held a history museum where they were able to articulate the throughlines their historical person had developed, with examples for the audience. During a 7th grade History class studying city planning Mr. DeWeerd highlighted a city planner's trait of beauty seeking. As our teachers focus on these throughlines, it becomes a natural part of conversing with students. Students also begin to recognize these traits in their peers as they participate in chapels led by students, receive tutoring assistance after school from fellow students, and engage in the hallways with students who are community builders.

From recognition, comes modeling. Our goal is to hire faculty and staff who can model these throughlines with students by living them out in their own lives and practice. Mrs. Kuder's ability to create beauty through art serves as a visible model to her students. In fact, the proliferation of visible artwork on our campus serves as a model to all of us of the importance of many of the throughlines.

Having students practice these qualities is the next step in developing our students into people with a strong character that can make a difference in the world beyond WCS. Continual practice strengthens the fibers of these throughlines. The examples are endless, as our entire mission hinges on "nurturing the academic, spiritual, personal, social, creative, and physical development of students" for the purpose of service.





Creation Enjoying

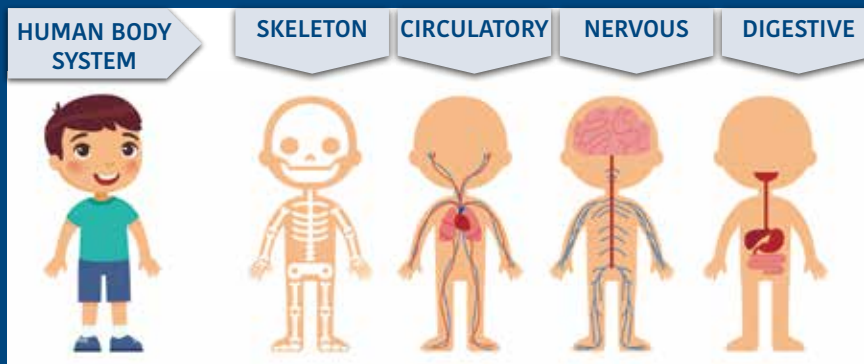
We are blessed with a large campus in a beautiful area of New England. Outdoor Ed, recess, special visitors from the aquarium, and field trips allow us to explore God’s incredible, beautiful creation.

Idolatry Discerning

John Vriesema’s Bible students played the Game of Life as a way to explore idolatry. “This is my version of the game,” shared John. “Students race around a classroom ‘board’ for 30 minutes and try to earn money. Most are trying to finish with the most money to ‘win.’ But everyone puts their money back in the box when we’re done. What did they accomplish in 30 minutes? Not much. We can’t take our money with us to the grave. So what do we do here on earth to find meaning and joy beyond money?”

Order Discovering

Our high school Anatomy and Physiology students learn the order, design, and interdependence of human body structures on one another. To deepen their understanding, the students became the teachers, creating a lesson plan and teaching the third graders!





Beauty Creating

We are designed by our Creator to be creative. WCS prioritizes art education and we celebrate how each student can express themselves in a unique way.



Community Building

Seeking to be community builders, fifth graders became pen pals with some of the senior members of our community. After exchanging several letters, students invited their pen pals to a national park "travelog" presentation. The event, which included coffee and one of Mrs. Kuik's famous Carmelita bars, was a hit! One participant shared, "It was an honor. All these students amazed me with the computer skills and their poise. Great job teachers and students!"





Justice Seeking

As part of a FLEx Project highlighted in the winter issue of *The Crusader Chronicle*, middle school math students learned about the injustices faced by people of color in the field of science and mathematics.



"I struggle with how unjustly my scientist was treated and how others took credit for her work. This project has me thinking deeply about how I can be a Justice

Seeker and how I might have brought a little piece of fixing and restoration to a broken part of our history by letting others know of her great work."



Servant Working

Mrs. Fredericks' kindergarten students explored how they can care for the people around them in their future professions. Students recognize that because we live in a broken world, there will always be someone who needs us.

Mrs. Anema's first grade students learned about the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter and wrote letters to dentists asking for donations, connecting those in a profession to those who volunteer to meet basic needs for God's people.



Dear Dentist,
 Thank you for x tending
 my teeth.
 I wonder if you
 could help us get
 dental supplies.
 and please dont
 pull out my wiggley
 teeth.
 Sincerely, Annabelle



God Worshipping

Worshipping our God is at the center of all we do. Sometimes it's subtle, sometimes it's within chapel. The Middle and High School Chapel Bands came together for a Night of Worship in May. These students joyfully praised our Lord, sharing what their faith means to them, in front of friends, family, pastors, and youth groups.



Image Reflecting

Students in Mrs. Kuder's Sculpture class explored God's goodness through who they are and what they do. After reading several Psalms and discussing how we are each uniquely designed, students reflected on how they see themselves in God's story, and how their unique set of skills, passions, abilities, and even weaknesses are purposeful. Their book sculptures are visual representations of how they are uniquely designed.



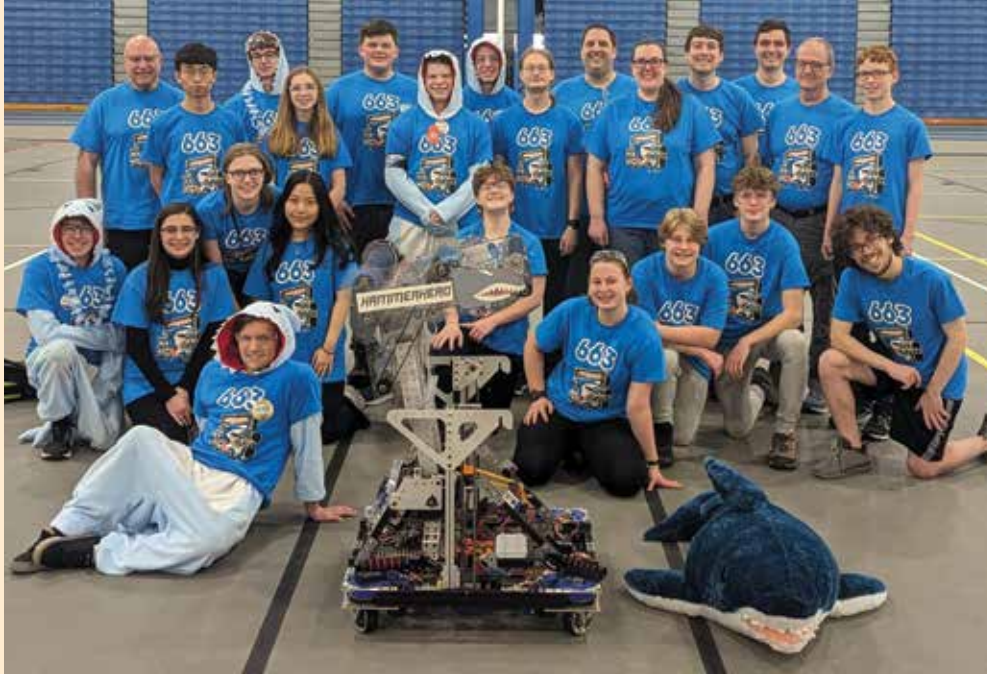
Earth Keeping

God has trusted us as stewards of His creation. Throughout the years at WCS, lessons cover the basics of caring for our planet by not littering to exploring “green” building techniques and materials.

One of our most impactful Earth Keeping lessons happens with our work at Community Harvest Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing food insecurity through sustainable farming practices and community engagement. Twice each year, middle school students travel to Grafton to work in the gardens. They learn first-hand (and with dirty hands) how the Earth sustains us, and how we must return the favor.



A Story of Two Makeovers



Robotics

Team 663, the WCS Robotics team, received a name and branding makeover this year. The Power Sharks made a big splash, with “CHOMP” cheers and shark costumes! Thanks to the incredible team spirit, WCS won its first-ever Imagery Award as recognition of the commitment to the team’s aesthetic and theme!



Outdoor Ed

Our Outdoor Ed Forest area will have a new structure, expertly built by Chris Vander Baan and Bill Savage. We are grateful for all of our volunteers who helped move materials to the site. This three-sided shelter will help welcome our newest Outdoor Ed explorers – our kindergarten students! The structure will also provide a bit of shelter from the elements and provide a space for students to come together in the forest.

These kinds of opportunities enhance the ways we deliver upon our mission. We are grateful to our generous donors who make this possible.

Crusader Athletics



Boys JV Basketball

Front Row: Connor Kitchen, Jack Post, James Pollitt, Ben Peck. Back Row: Eamon Moloney, Ethan Curry, Elliot McCabe, Tyler Rainbow. Not pictured: Head Coach Dennis Richey



Boys Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Joseph Tatulli, Brady Gorman, Cam Desmarais, Dillin McAlister, Zach Casey, Isaiah Plantinga, Jimmy Dudley. Back Row: Head Coach Brady Bajema, Liam Mulroy, Sebz Araujo, Mason Barnatt, Caleb Deters, Micah Deters, Gabe Deters, Brad Jolicoeur



Girls Varsity Softball

Front Row: Mollaigh Flannery, Abby Wozniak, Emily Bastien, Cadence Murzycki, Neola Nigh. Back Row: Coach Emily Kriedler, Hannah Ostroff, Emma MacCarthy, Carrie Keeler, Jillian Lawson, Head Coach Lina Avila. Not pictured: Katie Godin



Girls Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Chloe Richey, Maddi Amati, Jillian Lawson, Amanda Cinelli, Head Coach Emily Kriedler. Back Row: Coach Kelly Styf, Ava Ibrahim, Ally Weedon, Charlotte Bartlett, Brinley Gonneville, Quinn Rice, Carrie Keeler, Coach Kelly Penning. Not pictured: Margaret Johnson



Girls Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Addison Boone, Amanda Cinelli, Hannah Lashley, Neola Nigh, Hailey Kindl. Center Row: Coach Bryan Johnson, Meadow O'Connell, Scarlett Shaw, Alison Sim, Maddi Amati, Aveah Nichols, Kate Crowley, Chloe Richey. Back Row: Coach Mikaela VandenAkker, Ava Ibrahim, Camdyn Forget, Margaret Johnson, Charlotte Bartlett, Alexi Gilchrist, Hannah Walton, Gillian McGee, Head Coach Beth Cutler



Boys Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Ben Peck, Nathan Bagaya, Corbin Swaim, Matthew Taylor, Pedro Carvalho, Dillin McAlister, James Pollitt. Center Row: George Foint, Joseph Tatulli, Ethan Hand, Declan Mitchell, Max DeFrancisco, Jaejun (Jae) Lee, Liam Simao, Charles Ramsdell, Josh Monteiro. Back Row: Ian Finch, Zach Casey, Pedro Ramos, Caleb Deters, Sean McGrath, Logan O'Connell, Jiannan (Andy) Xin. Not pictured: Dylan Brown, Head Coach Greg Massotti



Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country

Front Row: Meredith Johnson, Megan Foellmer, Abby Wozniak, Erin Wyndham, Delia Moloney, Abby Flagg, Emily Flagg. Second Row: Cadence Murzycki, Isabella Aloise, Josie Dyke, Emelyn DeWeerd, Annika Fortna, Hyun Joon (John) Kim, Owen Neal, Demi Boormeester, Coach Annaliese Wheeler. Third Row: Orla Donnelly, Emma Wierenga, Audyn DeWeerd, Molly Burkhart, Eamon Moloney, Matt Wren, Evan Hand, Justin Smith, Coach Joel Alberts. Back Row: Head Coach Chris Vander Baan, Eli Fortna, Colin Gava, Justin Vos, Caden Anema, Nathanael Vos, Jude Goodson, Elliot McCabe, Connor Neal. Not pictured: Jack Carlin



Girls Varsity Track and Field

Front Row: Emily Flagg, Abby Flagg, Megan Foellmer, Erin Wyndham, Meadow O'Connell, Josie Dyke, Kate Crowley, Delia Moloney, Meredith Johnson, Addison Boone, Maria Ramos. Center Row: Head Coach Mike Persenaire, Maddi Amati, Isabella Aloise, Abigail Guertin, Kacy Brochu, Emelyn DeWeerd, Rebeca Dasilva, Faith Najem, Finch Harvey, Chris Vander Baan. Back Row: Orla Donnelly, Audyn DeWeerd, Lily Wierenga, Hannah Rejmer, Molly Burkhart, Avery Glidden, Emma Wierenga, Annika Fortna



Boys Varsity Track and Field

Front Row: Will Johnson, Jaejun (Jae) Lee, CJ Najem, Nathan Romine, Connor Neal, Jack Post, Owen Neal, George Foint. Second Row: Matthew Dudley, Pedro Carvalho, Enson Enoch, Dillin McAlister, Corbin Swaim, Evan Hand, Matt Wren, Enson Enoch. Third Row: Charlie Ramsdell, Max DeFrancisco, Eamon Moloney, Dan Belucio, Jude Goodson, Colin Gava, Ian Finch, Evan Benjamin. Back Row: Head Coach Mike Persenaire, Eli Fortna, Eli Focht, Caden Anema, Nic Belucio, Matt Godin, Justin Vos, Nathanael Vos, Coach Chris Vander Baan. Not pictured: Demetri Boormeester, Dylan Brown, Jack Carlin, Ethan Hand, Tyler Rainbow, Assistant Coaches Jeff Curtis and Dede Guertin



Boys Varsity Indoor Track and Field

Front Row: Enson Enoch, CJ Najem, Ethan Enoch, Matt Wren, Pedro Carvalho, Jack Carlin, Mark Yarger. Back Row: Head Coach Mike Persenaire, Evan Hand, Dan Belucio, Justin Vos, Nic Belucio, Nathanael Vos, Colin Gava, Coach Chris Vander Baan. Not pictured: Caden Anema, Demetri Booormeester, Owen Brown, Dylan Brown, Sam Christo, Ethan Hand, Declan Mitchell, Corbin Swaim, Will Johnson



Girls Varsity Indoor Track and Field

Front Row: Addison Boone, Meredith Johnson, Delia Moloney, Megan Foellmer, Finch Harvey. Back Row: Head Coach Mike Persenaire, Abigail Guertin, Orla Donnelly, Avery Glidden, Faith Najem, Coach Chris Vander Baan. Not pictured: Josie Dyke, Abby Flagg, Emily Flagg, Lilly Wierenga, Emma Wierenga, Abby Wozniak, Erin Wydham, Tianyi (Zoe) Zhou



Varsity Golf

Front Row: Vaughn Mulroy, Connor Kitchen, JV Dasilva, Caleb Tetreault, Jack Post. Back Row: Jack Hutchinson, Cam Morse, Micah Deters, Gabe Deters, Marcus MacLeod (NHS). Not pictured: Head Coach Dennis Richey



FALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls Soccer

CMASS Champions
State finalist runner up D5

Boys Soccer

CMASS Champions

HS Girls Cross Country

Central Mass District E
DVC Champs
Division 2 C Divisional Championship

HS Boys Cross Country

DVC Champs

WINTER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

HS Boys Indoor Track and Field

DVC Champs

SPRING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls Track and Field

Girls DVC Championship

Coop Lacrosse

CMASS Champions

INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Avery Glidden - Division 4 Indoor Track 300 M
Emily Flagg - Division 5 Outdoor Track 2-mile
Emma Wierenga - Division 5 Outdoor Track 800 M



JV Volleyball

Front row: Amelia Besong, x, Mya Duffy, Finch Harvey, Julia Monteiro, Lucia Gaudiano, Coach Abby Graves. Back row: Coach Kelly Penning, Indy Hollibaugh, Charlotte DeFrancisco, Jensen Gonnevill, Abby Guertin, Genevieve Tatulli. Not pictured: Head Coach Adelaide Dykstra, Jocelyn Hackathorn, Ashley Jeong



Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Coach Abby Graves, Maria Ramos, Hadasyah Mestres, Siena Mueller, Faith Najem, Grace Conners, Hannah Ostroff. Back Row: Head Coach Kelly Penning, Quinn Rice, Rebeca Dasilva, Hannah Rejmer, Ally Weedon, Emily Burkhart, Brenna Kotsianas



Boys Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Joshua LaBonte, Sam Christo, Joseph Tatulli, Liam Menard, Mark Yarger, Kent Cote. Back Row: Head Coach Sean Cote, Peter Deres, Logan O'Connell, Pedro Ramos, Brady Gorman, Zach Casey



Girls Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Sienna Mueller, Arielle Zdanis, Amelia Besong, Aimee Jolicoeur, Chloe Barker. Center Row: Coach Russ VanderBaan, Alison Sim, Genevieve Tatulli, Julia Gibbons, Joanna Graves, Coach Abby Graves. Back Row: Charlotte DeFrancisco, Alexi Gilchrist, Ally Weedon, Avery Dertien, Gabby Neves. Not pictured: Head Coach Michelle Graves

Co-op Team Athletes

FOOTBALL: Jimmy Dudley, Matt Godin, Tyler Rainbow, Noah Garrant, Sebz Araujo

LACROSSE: Vaughn Mulroy, Caleb Tetreault, Noah Garrant, Declan Mitchell, Liam Mulroy, Jimmy Dudley

ICE HOCKEY: Liam Simao

BASEBALL: Wes Burns

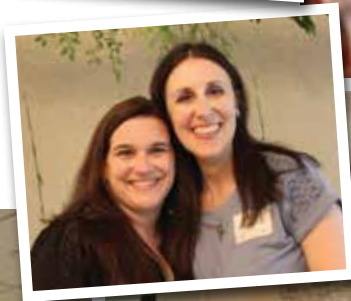
ALPINE SKIING: Liam Menard

WRESTLING: Matthew Dudley

Spring Fundraising Events

Spring Auction

The Spring Auction is an evening that celebrates the season, provides an opportunity for fellowship, and showcases the generosity of our community. This year's event was again held at Pleasant Valley Country Club and many of our National Honor Society students helped make the evening run smoothly. We are grateful to everyone who supported this event as a donor, sponsor, volunteer, and bidder.



Together, these events raised approximately **\$100,000** to support the mission of WCS.

Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing was blessed with beautiful weather and a great group of veteran and young golfers! We are thankful to all who participated and for all of our sponsors.



Supporting WCS

The WCS Fund provides the reinforcement and support of excellence in all aspects of our mission. The central why of our mission is Christ-like service in God's World. How we uniquely accomplish our mission is in a joy-filled community that inspires innovative learning, passionate leading, and faithful serving. The WCS Fund empowers both the why and how of our mission.

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ALUMNI NEWS

ENGAGEMENTS



Michaela Cannistraci and Christian Swaim (both Class of 2019) got engaged in March of this year.



Nadiya Chalak (Class of 2019) and Joe Coutcher got engaged in April.



Fiona Shaw and Dayne Stafford (both Class of 2021) got engaged in June of this year.

WEDDINGS



Congratulations to Nathan Gjeltema (Class of 2002) and Jessica Pereira Lopes who were married on January 20, 2024.

NEW ARRIVALS



Isaiah Hart (Class of 2018) and Courtney Lapierre welcomed their son, Maverick, in March of 2023.



Brady Bajema (Class of 2006) and his wife, Sarah, welcomed Lainey Ruth in May.



Tyler VandenAkker (Class of 2012) and his wife, Natalie, welcomed their second son, Easton Harm, in April.

CONDOLENCES

Geraldine (Swart) Hooker (Class of 1945) passed away in May of this year.

Velma (VandenAkker) Williams (Class of 1946) passed away in April of this year.

Thomas (Tom) Koopman (Class of 1947) passed away in May of this year. He was a charter member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church and dedicated many hours building Whitinsville Christian School.

Kathy (Kathleen Bosma) Buurma (Class of 1949) passed away in March of 2024.

Arthur Vanderbrug (Class of 1956) passed away in July of this year.

Carolyn (Wynja) Nieuwebeerta (Class of 1960) passed away in July of this year.

Cheryl (Krull) Marsden (Class of 1964) passed away in January of 2024.

Anna (DeCristofaro) McKenna (Class of 2009) passed away in April of this year.

Elsie Schilperoort Wassenaar, former WCS teacher, passed away in June of 2023.

Anita Banning, former WCS teacher, passed away in July of 2024.



Connor (Class of 2007), Lindsay, Thomas, and Stella Kuik welcomed Miles Deakin into their family on June 28.



Kellsie (Ebbeling, Class of 2008), Mike, Colton, and Seth Whitner welcomed Sophie Grace on July 8.



Please scan this QR code to share your news with us and keep your contact information up-to-date. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!



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