



Teays Valley
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

“Preparing students to become leaders in influencing their world for Christ.”

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Welcome to the 40th Year of TVCS

by Mr. Jack Davis



Lordy, Lordy, look who’s forty! That’s right, Teays Valley Christian School just turned 40! Since 1979, TVCS has served around 10,000 students, preparing them to become leaders in influencing their world for Christ. The encouraging news is that many of our over 650 alums are living out our legacy in service all around the world! This year’s theme, “1Family,” expresses the very heart of TVCS. Unity within diversity has always been a theme of our culture. Our three pillars of faith, learning, and service will propel us to an even greater future. TVCS is about people. TVCS is about partnering with parents to help educate the next generation in an eternally significant way. Micah 6:8 says it better than I ever could...

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

We are blessed with 40 years of serving this community, and I am excited for what God is doing in the hearts and minds of our students right now and what He will do in the future. Please pray daily for our students, teachers, and staff. Prayer makes all the difference. Lordy, Lordy, look who’s 40. 40 never looked so good!

Micah 6:8 *“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

International Tribute

By Mr. Jack Davis



Part of the celebration of our school’s first forty years is a visual tribute to the history of our international student program. You will find this tribute on the wall in the Commons, with flags representing the twenty-four countries our students have represented since our founding in 1979. Our first international student was Sigrun Konig from Germany back in the late 80’s. Sigrun returned to Germany where she later graduated from seminary. She has served in ministry for many years in her home country. She was one of my students in my early years of teaching, and it was my privilege to give Sigrun a tour of our school two years ago when she came back for a visit.

Our international students have always been an important part of our school family, and we are thankful to have students this year from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Canada, and Taiwan. The TVCS family is close but comes from all over the globe!

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Open House and First Day of School

Open House and the first day of school are always exciting! It is always great to see our families return and to welcome new students and families. Open House was a wonderful time where students met their teachers, visited their new classrooms, and organized their supplies for the first day. Teachers had information for their students to help them understand what the year would be like. TVCS alumni were present with snow cones and T-shirts for sale. We would like to send out a big thank you to our school mascot, aka Pastor Sonny Williams, for a making a special appearance on the first day of school!



Back 2 School Pool Party Bash *by Mrs. Bethany Carr*

On Friday evening, August 16th, we had a Back 2 School Pool Party Bash for all of our students and families at Camp Appalachia. It was a great evening featuring the pool, standup paddle boarding courtesy of Appalachian Boarding Company (ABC), and a bonfire with smores. We had a great turnout, and it was a great kick off to the school year theme, "1Family" - as we gathered together as the TVCS family! Special thanks to Camp Appalachia for hosting, Evan and Brooke Young of ABC, and the parents who donated items for the bonfire.



Welcome Bright Futures to TVCS!

This year, TVCS has welcomed students from Bright Futures Learning Services to our campus. BFLS is operating a mixed-age elementary classroom for students who are ready for experiences and challenges outside the clinic setting. The classroom at TVCS gives Bright Futures students new opportunities to interact with peers and participate in school culture, while providing TVCS students with enriching new relationships and the chance to serve as role models. We expect this partnership to have a very bright future!

Campus Wear Resale -August

Thank you to all the parents who donated uniforms or helped with the Campus Wear Resale on August 27th. Many uniforms now have new owners, and over \$500 was raised for the school! Other resales will be held periodically during the school year. **The next resale is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 from 2:30-4:30 pm.** Donations of used uniforms may be brought to the school office at any time. We are also requesting donations of pants/skirt hangers (hangers with clips).

TVCS Light Project

Over the summer, a crew of volunteers changed every fluorescent light in the school over to LED. This was a huge project consisting of over 300 lighting fixtures. It was not just a simple bulb exchange; every fixture had to be rewired. This completed project will result in substantial savings to the school! Special thanks to David Warner, Jeremy Crouch, Jonathan Crouch, Steve Harper, Jody Sowards, Jack Davis, and Roche Shultz.

Celebrating Grandparents Luncheon

On Monday, September 9th, the TVCS PTO invited grandparents to join their grandchildren for a delicious hot lunch. We wanted to show grandparents that we are grateful for their love and support of the students and the school. Each grandparent was presented with a small gift as a token of appreciation. We were blessed to share this special time with 131 grandparents! We asked grandparents to fill out a contact card so that we can contact them directly for future events. If you could not attend and would like to provide your contact information, please call the school office.

We Love Our Grandparents!



Picture Day

Picture Day for students will be held on Tuesday, September 24th. Students may wear either school uniforms or dress clothes that day. If not wearing uniforms, students must wear equivalent or better than Campus Wear. NO t-shirts or jeans allowed. After several weeks, picture proofs will be sent home with the students along with information about how to purchase individual pictures or packages.

Makeup Picture Day is Wednesday, November 13th.

TVCS Landscaping Work Day (Oct. 12th)

Help make our school grounds beautiful! On October 12th from 8 – 10 AM we will be trimming, weeding, and cleaning up our school grounds. Feel free to show up when you can and help. Contact Nicolina Johnston at nmjohnston4@gmail.com for more information.



Fall TVCS Friend Day

We will be hosting a fall Friend Day on Thursday, October 31st. You may know of a family that is considering TVCS or one that you would like to encourage to take a closer look at what TVCS has to offer their family. Please keep in mind this is not just a visit day for previous students, but a time for prospective students to spend the day with us. Look out for more information in the upcoming weeks!

Box Tops for Education Collection

TVCS is still collecting box tops to earn money for the school! Traditional box tops can be clipped and turned into the teachers for prizes. However, the box top program is changing to a digital format in the future. Once you download the app, you will need to create an account and select Teays Valley Christian School. Then you are ready to scan your receipts and earn money for the school! If you have questions, check the webpage www.boxtops4education.com. From the web:

“HOW TO EARN - BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!”

Box Tops for Education

The new Box Tops program is transitioning to an all-digital platform and eventually, there will no longer be any traditional Box Tops.

Meanwhile, take advantage of the “double-dipping” – meaning, you can scan your receipt and also submit the actual Box Top on the product. (In this case, our school would earn 20 cents, instead of only 10 cents.)



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT ✂

Traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products. You can still clip and send them to school. Please carefully clip the label & make sure it is not expired.



SEE THIS...
SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Do **not** send these clips to the school – they have no value. Please make sure to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Once again, we are excited to be packing shoeboxes on Thursday, November 14 from 6-7 pm as part of Operation Christmas Child! We are asking for a few types of items each month to spread out the expense. To learn more about the ministry, visit www.samaritanspurse.org. From their web page:

“Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.”

September Items:

- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Post-It Notes
- ✓ Toothbrushes (NO toothpaste)

October Items:

- ✓ Small toys
- ✓ Coloring books
- ✓ Stickers
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Bandanas

Alumni Association *by Mrs. Bethany Carr*

This school year marks the 40th year for TVCS, as it began in 1979 as a K-8 school with 65 students enrolled. In the past 40 years, approximately 10,000 students have come through the doors at TVCS at one time, producing 658 alumni (7 deceased). For the first time in TVCS history, an official alumni association has been formed to help in a variety of ways such as keeping our alum connected to TVCS, incorporating ways for the alum to be involved and give back to the school, and to make our alumni a part of the 40th celebration. A fresh alumni association Facebook page has been started, and a 40th anniversary t-shirt is available for all alumni, students, and friends to purchase which will help fund the first alumni association scholarship available for a 2020 graduate. More information on upcoming events and opportunities in which you can participate will be available soon.

Volunteering at TVCS

At Teays Valley Christian School, we value the love and support of the families of our students. Whether the effort is big or small, you can make a difference. Maybe you can hold an umbrella when it is raining like Ralph Booher, do landscaping like Nicolina Johnston, or be a host family for an international student. Many opportunities are available for you to be a blessing at TVCS. This year, the school especially needs people to assist at sporting events, including volunteering to cover admissions and concessions. If you have the desire to serve in any way, please ask how you can use your talents to best serve our school.



Spirit Wear Store

Our 2019-2020 Spirit Wear Store through Roy Kuhl is now OPEN! Follow the link to view items available to purchase through the site. **Please note: ONLY SHIRTS with a collar are permissible to wear as Campus Wear during school hours.** Our special 40th Anniversary design is also available on this site. The store will remain open through May 2020. Please visit <https://tvclsions2019.itemorder.com/sale>

SchoolStore.com

The SchoolStore.com program will kick off again in late September, so look for more information coming soon! Since most of us shop online, you can shop through SchoolStore.com, and TVCS will receive a percentage of sales from over 400 different merchant choices. All you do is go to SchoolStore.com, look up Teays Valley Christian School, and your shopping is linked to the school. In just a few months last school year, TVCS earned over \$600! There are also different ways for students to accumulate prizes. The prize levels will restart in September for each participating student. An information sheet will be available in the office with more details.



Do you shop at Kroger? Grandparents? Family or friends? You can connect your KrogerPlus Card to TVCS, and we will receive quarterly donations through their Community Rewards Program. Please create or log-in your Kroger account at www.kroger.com, follow the dropdown menu - "Save" - "Kroger Community Rewards" - and click the link under "I'm a Customer". You can either search our organization name (Teays Valley Christian School) or by our organization number (E1195). It is that simple!

Welcome Molly Bing & Betty Jo Jordan



Welcome to our two new receptionists, Molly Bing and Betty Jo Jordan!

From Molly: I grew up in Ohio and moved to WV about a year ago. I am happily married and have two children; a 4-year-old boy named Jensen and a 2-year-old girl named Adalynn. I work the first half of each day across the parking lot at Church @ The Depot as the Pastors' Assistant and Celebrate Recovery ministry leader and the Teays Valley Child Development Center receptionist. Then I spend the afternoon each day in the office here at TVCS. I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you as the year goes on!

From Betty Jo: I was born and raised in Milton, WV with my 5 siblings. I attended Milton High School, and I have degrees from the University of KY and Marshall. I taught home economics and reading in middle and high school. I retired in June 2018 from the WV Department of Ed. after over 30 years, 10 of which were in the State Superintendent's Office where I was a liaison with private schools. I'm an active member of Cross Lanes Baptist Church, and I enjoy tending my flowers, reading, baking, and crafting. I am enjoying getting to know students and families at TVCS.

Welcome Mrs. Keturah Amandus!

After graduating from Cabell Midland High School, I went on to Marshall University where I received my Bachelors of Science in Chemistry and became a certified EMT. Initially I had planned to go into the medical field, but after some experience as an EMT, I discovered that was not the path God had intended for me. I decided I would like to teach Chemistry and was accepted into Marshall's Masters of Arts in Teaching program. From there I went on to receive my ACSI certification and prior to this year I taught both Middle School Science and Spanish at Bible Center School in Charleston, WV. My husband, children and I currently live on our own little piece of heaven in Milton, WV with our pigs and two rescue dogs. Our daughter, Apphia, just started her freshman year of high school here at TVCS. Our son Zeke is starting his third year here at TVCS in the third grade. We are all very excited to be here this year and look forward to what God has in store for us!



Current classes and activities: 6th grade

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: A former student was graduating with honors and her parents asked me to write a special letter to her that was read at her graduation.

Prayer request: I'm mourning over the loss of my parents this summer. I've stayed busy, but with the holidays towards the end of the year coming up, it's going to be difficult.

Anything else you would like to share: Love our new school & happy to be a part of the family!

Favorite Bible verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."



Welcome Mrs. Sumiko Clark!

I am no stranger to Christian education, having attended Christian schools from Kindergarten through college. After graduating, I returned to my elementary school to teach Junior High. A California native and life-long resident, I just moved to West Virginia in the beginning of August. My husband and I have been married for over sixteen years. We have four children who will all be students at TVCS this year: Keanna (sophomore), Lukas (6th), Koda (6th), and April (4th). Our family also consists of a Greek tortoise, a bunny, and three crested geckos.

Why West Virginia? In the last two weeks I've been asked this question more times than I can count. We moved here from California so my husband can pursue his master's degree at Marshall University. He will be studying paleontology in the biology department. We are sad to leave our home, family, church, school, and friends in California, but we are so excited to be here in West Virginia!

Current classes and activities: Secondary Math, 7th Grade Bible

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: I was teaching Macbeth in my 8th grade English class. It was their first exposure to Shakespeare. In the middle of class about 2 or 3 weeks in, a student blurted out "Mrs. Clark! I would actually pay to go see this play!"

Prayer request: Pray for my family as we continue to settle into this new life.

Favorite Bible verse: Too many to choose from, but my favorite verses as a teacher are Colossians 1:28-29 "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily."

Welcome Mr. Jon Warner!

I am a born and raised resident of WV and attended TVCS from K-12 before graduating with the class of 2014. Last spring, I graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering. I am teaching Calculus at TVCS this year while I begin my graduate studies, also at Marshall University and also in Electrical & Computer Engineering. I have always had a passion for learning and helping others learn, whether as a tutor in high school or as a teaching assistant for my college professors. I am thankful to TVCS for doing an excellent job of preparing me for life after high school, both academically and spiritually, and I am excited for the opportunity to (in a small way) help prepare our soon-to-be graduates for whatever they choose to pursue in their next steps.



Current classes and activities: Calculus

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: Since I am a new teacher, I will pick my favorite student moment. I remember never being more excited about learning than when we began studying electricity and electric circuits in Mrs. Robert's 9th grade physical science class. It instantly became my favorite subject and led to my choice to pursue Electrical & Computer Engineering in college.

Prayer request: For wisdom, patience, and grace for a first-time teacher

Favorite Bible verse: Romans 8:38-39 "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Mrs. Pam McKinney

Years at TVCS: 36

Current classes and activities: Kindergarten

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: Every kindergarten and high school graduation

Prayer request: Salvation for family members

Favorite Bible verse: Psalm 100:3 "Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves..."



Mrs. Katie Boone

Years at TVCS: 2

Current classes and activities: 1st grade

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: When I was teaching 3rd grade, the students told me that the book was better than the movie.

Favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand."



Mrs. Lynne Coen

Years at TVCS: 8

Current classes and activities: 2nd grade

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: Seeing children grow in their faith, love for the Lord, and how they learn and mature.

Prayer request: Continued prayer for all our students' spiritual and academic growth and discernment, wisdom, help of the Holy Spirit for teachers and staff.

Favorite Bible verse: Hebrews 12:1-2 "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the same, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."



Mrs. Bethany Slawter

Years at TVCS: 7

Current classes and activities: 3rd grade, cheerleading coach, educational committee

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: Of course, there are many, but what I love the most are the morning hugs, high-fives, and fist bumps.

Favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."



Ms. Erin Huffman

Years at TVCS: 2

Current classes and activities: 4th grade

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: Any time something goes wrong and we all have a good laugh. Or the time I screamed in the middle of our read aloud and all the kids jumped.

Prayer request: To follow God's path for me and to always show Christ to others.

Favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 54:10 " 'Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you."



Mrs. Carrie Newman

Years at TVCS: 17

Current classes and activities: 5th Grade, Spelling Bee Coordinator, Math Olympics Coordinator, Education Committee

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: A student who had graduated college was on his way to Norway, and he texted me to say thank you for a project we had done where he learned a lot about the country. Another student sent me a copy of a college paper she had done well on and thanked me for pouring into her life.

Prayer request: My husband's aging parents; God's protection on my family that live across the country

Anything else you would like to share: All three of my kids graduated from TVCS – an office manager, an architect, and a teacher!

Favorite Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."



Mr. Nathan Boone

Years at TVCS: 2

Current classes and activities: Science 7&8, Computers, Bible 11, English 7, PE 10, HS Chorus, HS Drama

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: My most memorable teaching moment at Teays Valley Christian School was the Washington D.C. Trip last spring with the seniors. It was incredible to see some of the seniors grow and mature before my eyes as they experienced all that D.C. had to offer, especially in the National Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Museum of the Bible.

Prayer request: Please continue to pray for my healthy 8-month-old daughter, Emma, that God continues to bless her with good health and that He continues to bless Emma's mom and dad with a good night's sleep!

Anything else you would like to share: I just want to thank the Teays Valley Christian School family for welcoming my wife and me with open arms last year. We are so blessed to have such an incredible school family with which to raise our daughter.

Favorite Bible verse: 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."



Mr. Stephen Boone

Years at TVCS: 3

Current classes and activities: 7th – 12th grade Social Studies, Psychology, 8th grade Bible, Cross Country & Track Coach

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: My most memorable teaching moment was when a student I was working with was presented with several honors he worked hard for, including an appointment to the US Air Force Academy.

Prayer request: Unspoken requests, prayers that what God does through me works in the hearts of my students.

Anything else you would like to share: Applying to TVCS was one of the best decisions I have made. TVCS is home.

Favorite Bible verse: Ephesians 6:10-18 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—"



Mrs. Melissa Cyfers

Years at TVCS: 2

Current classes and activities: Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Pre-Algebra, Science 9, Health, Biology 2, Chemistry

Prayer request: Unspoken

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: A student recently told me that my passion for teaching science solidified her decision to pursue pre-med!

Favorite Bible verse: Romans 8:31 "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"



Mrs. Abigail Temple

Years at TVCS: 6

Current classes and activities: English 8-12, college and career planning coordinator, National Honor Society Advisor

Favorite Bible verse: John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."



Mrs. Sutton Higginbotham

Years at TVCS: 4

Current classes and activities: K-8th grade music, High School Band, Writing Lab 7&8, Bible 8

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: I love the excitement that the 6th grade has every year when they get their own instruments for the first time in Beginning Band.

Favorite Bible verse: Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."



Ms. Jennifer Mata

Years at TVCS: 3

Current classes and activities: Library, Computer, Art, Yearbook, P.E.

Prayer request: That my family members in the Philippines will keep the peace and live harmoniously; no issues.

Favorite Bible verse: Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight your battles for you, you need only to be still."



Welcome back Mr. Jared Davis!

Jared Davis is back part-time with TVCS this school year teaching elementary physical education.

When he is not in the TVCS gym, he is the full-time director at Camp Appalachia.

Years at TVCS: 5, off and on

Favorite or memorable teaching moment: My favorite moments have been when students graduate then come back around because they feel like the school is home.

Favorite Bible verse: Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



TVCS Parent Communication

Below are the main ways to receive TVCS information including reminders, special events, weather closings and delays. Please make sure that you are using these tools to stay informed.

- EMAIL: Weekly emails and lunch order forms are sent home on Mondays, and other emails are sent on an as-needed basis such as for weather delays or closings, events, and reminders. Make sure the school office has your current email address. If you have difficulty receiving emails, check your SPAM folder and try adding the system email address to your contacts.
- REMIND: Remind is a one-way text messaging system. To sign up for text message alerts about important school notices which will include school delays or closings, text @tvcs to (304) 885-0966. Note that fees may be incurred from your cell phone carrier depending on your plan. You may also download the Remind app on your phone.
- TV: Delays and closings are reported under Teays Valley Christian School on the three major news channels in the area: WSAZ, WCHS, and WOWK. Listings will also be available on their website.
- FACEBOOK: "Like" Teays Valley Christian School on Facebook to view reminders and information about events. Although the school does not rely on social media as a primary method of communication, this page is also a great way to see updates and pictures on school activities and events that are not sent by other methods mentioned above.
- NEWSLETTERS: The school periodically publishes newsletters that contain information about the school. These newsletters and other information are available on the school web page at www.tvcsvv.org.

Campus Wear Amendment

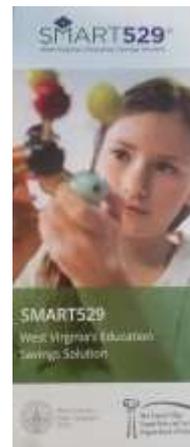
This is a reminder that school uniform **PANTS (ONLY)** may be purchased through other vendors in addition to School Closet. Pants must continue to be either khaki or navy in color with no jean, stretchy/legging, cargo, or tight-fitting materials allowed. You can still order pants through School Closet; this is just an additional option for purchasing pants. **All other campus wear items including shorts** must continue to be purchased through School Closet. During the cooler months, please note that outerwear worn in the classroom must be approved campus wear. School Closet has sweaters and fleece jackets available to purchase year-round. Please see the School Closet website at www.schoolcloset.com or watch for notices of Campus Wear resales which are held by the Parent Teacher Organization periodically throughout the year.

Tuition and SMART529 Plans

Mr. Jorn Earl Otte, a SMART 529 Strategic Marketing consultant from Hartford Funds, lead a session during TVCS Open House regarding setting up and using SMART529 plans to pay for private school tuition. A pamphlet was sent home with each student providing more information on this program. In summary, changes to federal tax law allow for SMART529 accounts to be used to pay tuition and expenses for children enrolled in K-12 private and religious schools.

- Families with children enrolled in grades K – 12 at private and religious schools are eligible to use SMART529 accounts to pay for school expenses up to \$10,000 annually per child.
- K – 12 SMART529 distributions can be made from existing or newly opened accounts.
- Qualified K – 12 SMART529 distributions are tax exempt at the federal level.
- Contributions made by Dec. 31st each year can be used to reduce your federal adjusted gross income for West Virginia personal income tax purposes.
- Requesting a SMART529 K – 12 disbursement is easy – go to the web site listed below to get started!

<https://www.wvtreasury.com/Savings-Programs/SMART529>



Upcoming Events

Sept. 20	Jeans Day - \$1	Oct. 15	Campus Wear Resale – 2:30-4:30 pm
Sept. 24	Picture Day	Oct. 16	PSAT (Grades 10 & 11)
Sept. 27	Professional Development – Dismissal @1:30	Oct. 18	End of 1 st nine weeks
Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Spirit Week	Oct. 18	Jeans Day - \$1
Oct. 1	ACT (Grades 11 & 12)	Oct. 23	Report Cards Home
Oct. 4	Deficiencies Mailed	Oct. 25	Bible Dress-Up Day (K-6 th)
Oct. 5	Homecoming @Valley Park	Oct. 31	TVCS Fiend Day
Oct. 12	TVCS Landscaping Work Day – 8-10 am	Nov. 8	Non-Traditional School Day – students do not report
Oct. 14-18	Finals	Nov. 11	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
		Nov. 13	Make-Up Picture Day

Welcome Kindergarten Class of 2020!

Mrs. McKinney's kindergarten class of 2020 currently has 17 students. To help get to know them better, we asked them to tell us their favorite **food**, **animal**, **color**, and **activity** or **sport**.

- 🐾 **Avan's** favorites: pizza, cheetah, green, soccer
- 🐾 **Avery's** favorites: pizza, elephant, pink, basketball
- 🐾 **Bella's** favorites: rainbow cake, elephant, rainbow, making arts & crafts
- 🐾 **Carter's** favorites: pizza, panthers/gorillas, red, T-ball
- 🐾 **Christopher's** favorites: noodles, moose, orange, hockey
- 🐾 **Drake's** favorites: pizza/hamburgers, dogs, blue/black, throwing the ball
- 🐾 **Elijah's** favorites: pizza, lion, orange, play on playground
- 🐾 **Gus's** favorites: pizza, horses, red, "Pirates of the Caribbean" game
- 🐾 **Haylen's** favorites: pink apples, elephant, pink, basketball
- 🐾 **Isabel's** favorites: chicken nuggets/fries, cats, dark purple, wrestling with Dad
- 🐾 **Jackson's** favorites: chicken nuggets from McDonalds, lion, blue, soccer
- 🐾 **Kaylan's** favorites: chicken nuggets, cats, rainbow, baseball
- 🐾 **Lacey's** favorites: mac & cheese, elephant, pink, painting
- 🐾 **Lexi's** favorites: cake/carrots, elephant, rainbow, basketball/football
- 🐾 **Lochlan's** favorites: pineapple, dogs/cats, red/blue, soccer
- 🐾 **Owen's** favorites: pizza, giraffe, blue, basketball
- 🐾 **Reid's** favorites: grapes, tiger, blue, "Mario" game



Welcome New Students – 1st through 6th Grades

We are very excited to welcome 13 new students in all the classes from 1st through 6th grades! Let's give them a warm welcome to TVCS and learn some of their interests. We asked them to tell us their favorite **food**, **sport**, and **color**.

1st Grade:

- 🐾 **Peyton Stitely:** cotton candy, volleyball, pink

2nd Grade:

- 🐾 **Liam Huffman:** brown sugar pop tarts, swimming, gold

3rd Grade:

- 🐾 **Zack Corsaro:** steak, basketball, royal blue
- 🐾 **Caden Nichols:** spaghetti & chicken, basketball, blue
- 🐾 **Hailee Scarbro:** ice cream, cheerleading, teal

4th Grade:

- 🐾 **April Clark:** any chocolate dessert, gymnastics, purple
- 🐾 **Frederick Hanna:** PBJ sandwich, football, green
- 🐾 **Griffin Kirk:** General Tso's chicken & fried rice, karate, red/blue/green
- 🐾 **Ella Thornsbury:** macaroni and cheese, softball, orange/pink

5th Grade:

- 🐾 **Grace Hanna:** pizza, basketball, pink

6th Grade:

- 🐾 **Koda Clark:** ice cream, soccer, rainbow
- 🐾 **Lukas Clark:** the kind you eat, soccer, hot pink
- 🐾 **Cameron Kirk:** pancakes, cross country, blue

Welcome New Students – 7th through 11th Grades

We would like to welcome 17 new students to TVCS in the 7th through 11th grades! Each new student has been interviewed by a fellow classmate to share where they came from and some of the things they like.

- ❖ **Adrianna Lemaster** is a 7th grader, and she is from Charleston, WV. Her favorite color is purple, and she enjoys eating cake. She likes Teays Valley Christian because they are a smaller school.
- ❖ **Jesslyn Wood** is in the 8th grade. She is from Douglasfield, Georgia, and her favorite things about TVCS are gym class and playing ukuleles in chorus. She is running cross country for our team. This is her first year doing so. Some of her favorite hobbies are dancing and playing football. She also enjoys reading. Her favorite author is Cassandra Claire. Her favorite food is chicken, and her favorite color is purple. Her goals for the year include getting straight A's and perfect attendance.
- ❖ **Jacqai Long** is an 8th grader from Hurricane, WV. His favorite color is orange, favorite food is pizza, and his favorite activities are football and basketball.
- ❖ **Kris Lin** is a freshman from Taiwan. His favorite color is black, and he loves eating spaghetti. His favorite hobby is playing basketball, which is why he loves this school so much.
- ❖ **Aaron Conn** is a freshman from Buffalo, West Virginia. His favorite thing about TVCS is the classes, the people, and the teachers are nice. He hopes this year will be good. His favorite is steak, and his favorite color is red.
- ❖ **Richard Fu** is a freshman from Taiwan. His favorite thing about TVCS is playing basketball, and he is on the TVCS basketball team. Richard enjoys English class and his favorite food is burritos.
- ❖ **Josh Cook** is a freshman from Winfield, WV. His favorite color is red, and his favorite food is mashed potatoes. His favorite thing about Teays Valley is the people. Josh's favorite hobby is basketball.
- ❖ **Apphia Welker** is a freshman at TVCS. Her favorite colors are orange and blue. She loves Mexican food. She loves how there are a lot of nice people in the school. She loves riding her dirt bike and showing pigs. She's on the high school volleyball team and is excited to join the basketball team too.
- ❖ **Preston King** is a freshman from Gallagher, West Virginia. Preston enjoys playing basketball in his free time. His favorite color is red and his favorite food is steak. Preston likes the fact that TVCS is a challenge and he hopes that this year he will be able to learn and grow in his academics.
- ❖ **Keanna Clark** is a sophomore from Pittsburg, California. She likes that there is less homework than her old school, and less restrictions on gum and hair color. This year, she hopes to make new friendships that will last for a long time. Her favorite animal is the African Elephant, and she enjoys singing, painting, running, exploring nature, and photography.
- ❖ **Addyson Young** is a sophomore who lives in Teays Valley. She is a half-day student who comes to school the last two periods of the day. At TVCS, she likes being with friends. She enjoys playing volleyball and is on the school's volleyball team.
- ❖ **Josiah Davis** is a sophomore from Kitchen, Ontario, Canada. He says that he likes the atmosphere that we have here at TVCS, and that he hopes this year will be fun and a good learning experience. His favorite hobbies are playing basketball and writing poetry. His favorite food is Chinese food.
- ❖ **Andrew Fuller** is a junior from Redhouse, West Virginia. He enjoys the school so far. His favorite attribute of the school is the hospitality and kindness of the teachers. He hopes the year goes "fantastic." His favorite color is hazel. He enjoys playing video games.
- ❖ **Aries Hospedales-Alexander** is a junior from Toronto, Ontario. His favorite thing about WV is that it's quiet. His favorite subject at school is psychology. Once he gets out of high school he wants to major in business at an American University.
- ❖ **Zack Hsiao** is a junior from Taipei, Taiwan who loves basketball. He likes everything about TVCS and hopes to learn English while in the States. He enjoys hamburgers and the color black.
- ❖ **Brandon Brown** is a junior from Bristol, Tennessee. His favorite food is pizza, his favorite color is red, and he loves listening to music. One of his favorite features of Teays Valley Christian is how small and personal everything is, and he hopes that it stays this way.
- ❖ **Chase Johnson** is a junior from Metuchen, New Jersey and his favorite thing to do is play basketball. He likes video games like 2K and Madden. He thinks the best thing about Teays Valley and WV as a whole is that everybody is really nice and super welcoming.

Current Sports at TVCS

Middle School (Grades 6-8, some sports 5th):

- 🌟 Soccer - Coed
- 🌟 Volleyball
- 🌟 Cross Country - Coed
- 🌟 Basketball - Boys & Girls
- 🌟 Cheerleading
- 🌟 Track - Boys & Girls
- 🌟 Golf – Coed

High School (Grades 9-12)

- 🌟 Soccer - Coed
- 🌟 Volleyball
- 🌟 Cross Country - Coed
- 🌟 Basketball - Boys, Girls, & Prep
- 🌟 Cheerleading
- 🌟 Track - Boys & Girls
- 🌟 Baseball

Middle School Soccer

School is back in session and with that comes soccer season! We are extremely excited about the middle school season and are looking forward to playing some great soccer! We have a roster of 14 kids, grades 5-8. We have some returning from last season, some new to the team and some even new to the school. We could still use a few more kids so if anyone is interested feel free to come out to Camp Appalachia and check out a practice from 5-6:30 pm. Better yet come check out a home game and cheer on your schoolmates. Schedule is posted in the school. Coach Joel Lewis is an alumnus of TVCS and has several years of coaching experience with the school.

Middle School Volleyball *by Farrah Caruthers*

Hello! My name is Farrah Caruthers, and I am the TVCS Middle School Volleyball Coach. I am a TVCS alumni, have three girls attending our school, and have eleven years of coaching experience at TVCS. This year, we will focus on developing skills, as we have a very young team. We only have two returning starting players, so everyone else will be new to the court. Therefore, our goal this year will be to learn, improve, get comfortable with the pressures of the game, and gain some experience to grow our middle school volleyball program for future years. I am looking forward to working with another great group of girls this year! Go, Lions!!

High School Soccer *by Bill Gillispie*

My name is Bill Gillispie. I have been coaching High School Soccer at TVCS for the past 5 years. This is the strongest team I have coached so far and I expect great things this year. The 2019 Teays Valley Christian Soccer team consists of 18 players on the squad. The majority of this year's team is made up of 9 Seniors. I feel we have a very versatile group of Seniors, who can play many different positions when asked. Our Sophomore group is the second largest class on our team with 6 players. Even though they are not upper classman, that doesn't mean they will not see plenty of playing time on the pitch. Our final group is our Freshman with 3 players. I look forward to the watching this group become the future leaders of the team. At the time of writing this, the 2019 Teays Valley Lions are 1-0. I am looking forward to a great and successful season. Hope to see you at the pitch supporting the Lions! GO LIONS!

Cross Country

by Autumn Boone

We are excited for this year's cross-country team. The team has expanded from three runners to twelve; four high school boys, four middle school boys, and four middle school girls. We are excited for our meets starting in September running through October.

From Autumn Boone – Head Coach, Stephen Boone and Katey Mullins, Assistant Coaches

High School Volleyball

by Chelsie Farmer

My name is Chelsie Farmer, the head coach for the High School Volleyball team. This is my second year here at TVCS. I am a former collegiate player at West Virginia State University. Coaching is something I am passionate about. Getting to teach the girls the basics of the game and to love it as well is very rewarding. This year's team consists of 1 senior, 2 juniors, 2 sophomores, and 5 freshmen. They are all hardworking and great teammates to one another. I am very excited to see how this season goes!

Upcoming Events

Potential Future Sports

If students are interested and coaches are available, TVCS would consider adding the following sports teams. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Mr. Davis.

- Tennis
- Softball
- High School Golf

High School Soccer:

- 🌟 Sept. 24 – TVCS vs Lincoln Co./Home @ 5:30pm
- 🌟 Sept. 30 – TVCS vs Grace/Away @ 5pm
- 🌟 Oct. 5 – TVCS vs Greater Beckley-HC@ VP 1pm
- 🌟 Oct. 8 – TVCS vs Lincoln County/Away @ 6pm
- 🌟 Oct. 11 – TVCS vs Greater Beckley/Away @ 5:30pm
- 🌟 Oct. 15 – TVCS vs Man – Sr. Night/Home @ 5:30pm
- 🌟 Oct. 17-19 – WVCAT

High School Volleyball:

- 🌟 Sept. 20 – TVCS vs Ohio Valley/Away @ 6pm
- 🌟 Sept. 21 – TVCS @ Greater Beckley – Quad
- 🌟 Sept. 24 – TVCS vs Pt. Pleasant/Home @ 6pm
- 🌟 Sept. 26 – TVCS vs Lincoln County/Home @ 6pm
- 🌟 Sept. 27 – TVCS vs Calvary/Away @ 6pm
- 🌟 Sept. 30 – TVCS vs Grace/Away @ 6pm
- 🌟 Oct. 4 – TVCS vs Ohio Valley-HC/Home @ 6pm
- 🌟 Oct. 8 – TVCS vs Tri-Elk Valley/Beth Haven/Home@6pm
- 🌟 Oct. 10 – TVCS vs St. Joe/Away @ 6pm
- 🌟 Oct. 14 – TVCS vs Pt. Pleasant/Away @ 6pm
- 🌟 Oct. 17-19 – WVCAT
- 🌟 Oct. 22 – TVCS vs. Lincoln Co-Tri/Home @ 7pm

Middle School Soccer:

- 🌟 Sept. 20 – TVCS vs Ohio Valley/Away @ 5pm
- 🌟 Sept. 24 – TVCS vs Bible Center/Home @ 4pm
- 🌟 Sept. 26 – TVCS vs Calvary/Away @ 5:30pm
- 🌟 Sept. 30 – TVCS vs Grace/Away @ 3:30pm
- 🌟 Oct. 5 – TVCS vs Ohio Valley-HC @ VP 11am
- 🌟 Oct. 7 – TVCS vs Bible Center/Home @ 5pm
- 🌟 Oct. 10-12 WVCAT
- 🌟 Oct. 14 – TVCS vs St. Joe/Away @ 5pm

Middle School Volleyball:

- 🌟 Sept. 20 – TVCS vs Ohio Valley/Away @ 5pm
- 🌟 Sept. 24 – TVCS vs Bible Ctr/Home @ 4:30pm
- 🌟 Sept. 27 – TVCS vs Calvary/Away @ 5pm
- 🌟 Sept. 30 – TVCS vs Grace/Away @ 5pm
- 🌟 Oct. 4 – TVCS vs Ohio Valley-HC/Home @ 5pm
- 🌟 Oct. 7 – TVCS vs Bible Center/Away @ 5pm
- 🌟 Oct. 8 – TVCS vs Elk Valley/Home @ 5pm
- 🌟 Oct. 10-12 WVCAT

Cross Country:

- 🌟 Sept. 21 – Giovanni's Pizza Inv. @ Boyd Co., Ky
- 🌟 Sept. 28 – Shady Springs Inv. @ Little Beaver St Park
- 🌟 Oct. 5 – Capital Invite--Camp Virgil Tate, WV
- 🌟 Oct. 12 – Wild and Wet Invite--Cameron WV