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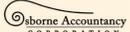
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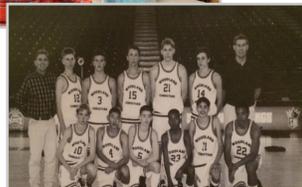
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## The Greatest Gift

The theme of this edition of *Friends of Woodland Christian School* is "A Season of Giving." We hope that you see that our students are learning the importance of serving others and that you will also find stories of people who are giving to this ministry. Giving to others, whether it is with time, talent, or resources can radically change the lives of both the giver and the receiver.

As you read through these pages, we hope that you see God's hand in this ministry. Ultimately, He should get all the glory for what happens at Woodland Christian School. Better yet, we hope that you remember that the greatest gift of all time was God giving us His son, Jesus. For unto us a child was born—Savior to all the world.

From all of us at Woodland Christian School, we wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy new year.

May God bless each of you,



Justin Smith

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## Meet Mr. Shannon

### Elementary School Carpool Volunteer

In this edition of our magazine, we wanted to highlight a different way to give back to Woodland Christian. If you have been through our new carpool, then perhaps you have seen Mr. Chuck Shannon helping people get across the street. We had a chance to sit down with Chuck and talk with him about why he serves at WCS.

#### Tell us about your family, Chuck.

My wife's name is Blanche, and we have been married for 47 years. I have two grown children (John and Virginia), and I have one grandchild named Maeze. She is named after the 1st Irish queen.

#### You didn't have any affiliation with WCS prior to helping us with carpool. What prompted you to serve at our school?

I was working at Travis Credit Union and became good friends with Dennis Provencher. Dennis has one child at WCS (Haley) and one who has already graduated. When I told Dennis I was retiring from the credit union, he suggested that I look into serving at WCS. Dennis called Mr. Smith and put in a good word for me!

#### What do you like best about serving at Woodland Christian?

There is a unique atmosphere the minute you step onto campus. The school has some of the nicest parents and students. They all wave and smile at me. I even noticed the difference when I came to one of the football games.

Maybe God is tugging on your heart and giving you a desire to share your time and talents with the school. If so, just reach out to us here at [friendsofwcs@woodlandchristian.org](mailto:friendsofwcs@woodlandchristian.org) and we will do our best to match your skills with our needs.

**Editor's note:** After our interview, Chuck contacted us and wanted to make sure that we knew that he has the highest regard for the staff at our school. Chuck brings joy to everyone — not only the parents/students, but to all the staff that he comes in contact with. As Chuck says, "All the credit goes to our Father in Heaven."



## Preschool



From top:

- Mrs. Bowen's table having fun with finger painting.
- Running Bear and Little White Dove tell a love story about our Native American past.
- "Look, a robot!"

## WCHS Players Present *Holly Day's Inn*

Billed as a Christ-centered, family-friendly production, *Holly Day's Inn* lived up to the billing. The cast of middle- and high-school students was terrific. WCHS senior Justin West, as character Hollister Day, carried the play, as he was on stage for all but one minute. WCHS senior Vivian Knee directed the production as a part of her senior project, and it was not without challenges. Just weeks before opening night, one of the actors moved to Chile, leaving a critical role without an actor. After looking for a replacement without success, Vivian rewrote the part as a female and not only played it herself, but also sang a beautiful duet with WCHS junior Emma Daniels. The supporting cast of actors, many of whom had never before acted in a production, did a great job delivering their lines, and audiences agreed it was an enjoyable evening.

## A Gift of Encouragement Spotted on Campus



One of our first-grade boys was eager to show Mrs. Geiser this masterpiece during a recent lunch recess. He had created it out of bark pieces laid out on the blacktop and excitedly explained that he hoped that when children read his message, "You are cool!" it would make them feel good. Pretty "cool," right?



At left, cast photo.  
Below: WCHS senior, Vivian Knee



## Students Visit Travis AFB

Our middle school Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) class had the opportunity to visit Travis Air Force Base and see a C-17. The STEM class is offered as an elective by Mr. Troy Westphal, who retired from the air force in 2010. During his tenure with the Air Force, Mr. Westphal was an Instructor of Avionics Guidance and Control with the 332nd Training Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base, MS.



## Floral Design at WCHS

Did you know? Woodland Christian is offering an Art History of Floral Design class that offers students hands-on experience with the floral industry while simultaneously earning UC art credits. Students learn basic skills on how to make arrangements and the history behind floral art. They also explore more advanced topics such as how to market and operate different types of floral businesses. Students also make arrangements for community events, weddings, and special orders. Next semester they plan to establish a name for the class's floral shop and hope to implement a monthly subscription through which customers will receive a floral arrangement each month based on what students are learning at the time or the holiday within that time period. Students will also tour the San Francisco flower market and the DeYoung Museum's "Bouquet to Art" exhibit.

# WCS gives

We can think of no better way to ring in the end of the year than to reflect on the many ways our staff, students, and families are giving back to our communities.



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Since school began in August:

1. The WCHS Spanish 4 class spends time weekly with students at Prairie Elementary, in the classroom and at recess.
2. WCMS students visited and did crafts with the residents of St. John's.
3. The WCHS Women of God class made no-sew blankets for the animals at the Yolo County Animal Shelter.
4. WCHS FFA students collected single-serve cereals and oatmeal to send to troops for Veteran's Day.
5. WCS students provided 178 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
6. WCHS Women of God made fall wreaths with the residents of St. John's Retirement Home.
7. WCS students collected and donated 2,922 pounds of food to the Yolo Food Bank.
8. The WCHS CSF/NHS Club held a 4th and Hope Caroling, Cookies, and Gifts Event in which they provided 65 hygiene gift bags for the residents.
9. Mrs. Johns', Mr. Erby's, and Mrs. Shamberger's classes visited Palm Gardens to sing Christmas carols with the residents.



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# 10 FALL SPORTS



## WCHS Volleyball

### CIF Section Champs and NorCal Runner-Ups

Securing their fifth CIF Section title, the WCHS volleyball team earned a spot in the NorCal Championship game, the highest level that can be reached by any Division VI team.

On December 1st, the Cardinals played their final game in Albany against San Francisco Waldorf, a team ranked #1 this year and the reigning champions from last year's inaugural NorCal Championship. SF Waldorf lived up to their reputation, winning in just three sets. Immediately following the match, the Cardinals were

announced as the runner-ups, each player was presented with a medal, and Coach Gellen was presented with a plaque. Many WCS students and parents attended the event to encourage and congratulate the team.

This was the final high-school game for seniors Hannah Wyatt, Karlie Talbot, Katie Sakona, and Tori Parkhurst, and they should be proud of their final season. The future of WCHS volleyball looks bright and strong, with many returning players next season. Their sights are set again on the NorCal Championship game.

## WCHS Cross Country

### Kaitlin Moore Qualifies for State Tournament

Three WCS Cross Country qualifiers ran at CIF Sections, held at the Willow Hills Reservoir in Folsom. Of the three, sophomore Kaitlin Moore qualified for the CIF State Finals in Folsom. Special mention goes to Tony Smith, who ran the boys' varsity 3K with a time of 19:53 to earn 23rd place, and to Jon Wiekling, who who was a 4th-place medalist, running the boys' freshman 2-mile race with a personal record time of 15:46.

On Saturday, November 28th, Kaitlin traveled to Fresno

for the CIF State Cross Country Meet, held at Woodward Park. Despite nursing shin splints, Kaitlin ran well, earning a Division V 106th place with her time of 21 minutes 41.7 seconds in the 5K.

Last year, Kaitlin's twin sister, Kristin, qualified for the CIF State tournament as a freshman and finished 120th overall in Division V. Already proven contenders, it will be exciting to see what they and their teammates can accomplish next season.

## WCHS Football

### CIF Div VII SMAL Co-Champs, Jacob Nashcke League MVP

After having eight senior football players graduate from the 2014 football team, many wondered how the 2015 season would look. It didn't take long for those questions to be put to rest. The Cardinals finished 2-1 in league and 6-5 overall to qualify yet again for playoffs. That first playoff win, however, remained elusive when the team lost in the home playoff game against Millennium Charter School of Tracy.

Senior Jacob Naschke earned the honor of being chosen as the Sacramento Metropolitan Athletic League (SMAL) MVP, leading the league in rushing and in total points. All-SMAL

first-team honors went to seniors Jack Simpson, (who led the league in tackles), Nathan Hawley, and Braxton Difuntorum; junior Miguel Witham; sophomore Eric Wyatt; and freshman Cooper Johnson (who led the league in sacks). Second-team honors went to junior Joe Pike, sophomores Parker Johnson and Will Black, and freshman Roman Ochoa.

Head coach Mark Johnson and his team of assistants—coaches Dan Rowe, Andrew Ahr, Stan Thomas, Doug Naschke, Brian Robinson, and Jedd Ward—did an outstanding job, and we look forward to another great season next year.



## THE GIFT OF HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BY THE HARGADON FAMILY

**P**rior to July of this year, the thought of hosting an international student was far off on our family’s radar. Perhaps it was something we would consider when all our kids graduated from Woodland Christian School. But sometimes God has a different plan for our lives, and a phonecall from a friend in mid-July would change all the lives of the Hargadons.

An opportunity presented itself for us to host a 6th-grade student from Taiwan. After consulting our kids and praying about what God would want us to do, we met Kaiser Li and his father in Davis for dinner. Two weeks later, Kaiser

was moving into our home and attending WCS. All of us, including Kaiser, are learning so much, and we are developing friendships that will last a lifetime. To top this all off, we get the chance to share our love of Jesus with Kaiser and his family.

We have opportunities for WCS families to host other international students. If you are interested in learning more about this or hearing about our experience, please feel free to contact us at the school. We are blessed to have Kaiser with us in our home and at Woodland Christian.

## LIFEPONTE CHURCH GIVES CHRISTMAS AWAY—TO WCS



**W**oodland Christian is blessed to have been selected by Lifepointe Church (LPC) in Woodland as a part of their “Giving Christmas Away” event. Each year, LPC chooses an organization for the congregation to focus their support through prayer and giving. On December 13th, the WCS Board and Administration was invited to attend Lifepointe to hear former administrator and current board member, Jack Hamlin, speak. The church showed a video (qr code link below) and had a time of recognition and prayer for the board members and administrators who were present as well as for the school.

In addition to this, LPC chose to donate toward a new portable computer lab at WCS. Making it a fun giving opportunity, LPC arranged for those members who wish to donate to do so by “purchasing” one of three options to put on a Christmas tree: a red candy cane for a donation of \$20 or less, a green candy cane for a donation of \$50 or less, or an ornament for a donation of \$50 or more. Even better, WCS has matching funds to make this a successful event. This photo was taken on the first Sunday that LPC unveiled the event. It looks like a great start to some new technology for our students! Thank you, Lifepointe Church!



## ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

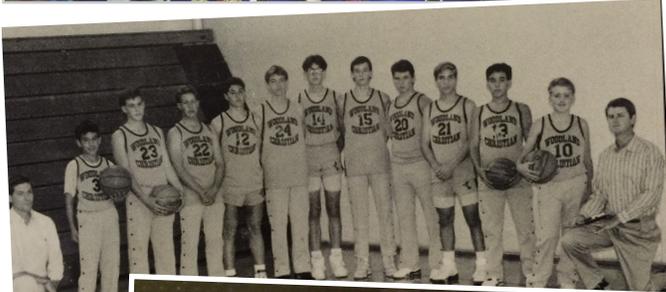
### AGE AND EXPERIENCE WIN OUT



Thanksgiving break isn't just for taking a break from the school routine to spend time with friends and family over a turkey dinner and pumpkin pie. Here at WCS, the Thanksgiving tradition also includes the annual alumni basketball games.

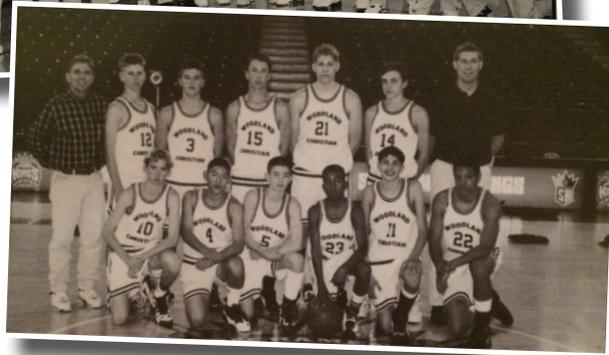
On Tuesday, November 23rd, the WCHS junior varsity basketball team took on the "old" alumni (pictured at left) in the first game of the evening, resulting in a clear alumni win, 78-36.

Immediately following that game, the "new" alumni, some of whom included **Andrew Serrano** ('13), **Grey Wofford** ('13), **Casey Neimeyer** ('05), **James Morgan** ('11), **Tory Kelly** ('12), and **Samuel Martin** ('11), played against the WCHS varsity basketball team. Again, age and experience proved difficult to beat, resulting in another alumni win, 71-51. Now we will look forward to the next Thanksgiving break to see if our WCHS Cardinals can break the alumni winning streak.



Top photo, from l-r: **Jimmy Hamlin** (9th grade, '95), **Brian Ganyo** (9th grade, '95), **Dominic Monley** (9th grade, '95), **Clint Letterman** (9th grade, '91), **Daniel Ferguson** (9th grade, '96), **Colin Monley** (9th grade, '91), **Nate Monley** (9th grade, '91), **Bryan Miller** (9th grade, '92), **John Monley** (9th grade, '97), and **Tyler Ganyo** (9th grade, '96)

Middle Photo: the 1991 Basketball team, including "old" alumni, **Colin Monley** (#23), **Bryan Miller** (#24), **Clint Letterman** (#15) and **Nate Monley** (#10).



Bottom Photo: the 1996 Basketball team, including "old" alumni, **Tyler Ganyo** (#3) and **Daniel Ferguson** (#5).

Have news to share?  
WCS wants to hear from you!

Send in your news, and we will publish it in the first available upcoming issue.

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Please limit your news to 60 words and include your graduation year or the last year you attended WCS.

## ENGAGEMENT



Brian Scott and Sarah Nichols

Current middle-school teacher **Sarah Nichols** is thrilled to announced her engagement to Brian Scott, both of Woodland. The couple met and were just friends while both attended the Woodland United Fellowship youth group in high school. Brian and Sarah maintained a long-distance friendship throughout college. Once Sarah graduated, they realized that their friendship had blossomed into a romance, and they started dating. On October 16th, during a fun outing to the corn maze with their Bible study group, Brian proposed to Sarah, and she accepted. Their wedding is planned for June 11, 2016. Included in their wedding party will be WCS alumni **Stephanie Tedford** ('11), sister-in-law **Katie (Withers, 3rd-6th grades, '05) Nichols**, sister **Ashley Nichols** ('04-'05), and WCS substitute teacher **Dooba Eibensteiner**.

## WEDDINGS

**Torrance** ('12) and **Alayna (Campos, '12) Kelly** were married on September 6th, 2015. Tory came to Woodland Christian his senior year of high school and was first introduced to his fellow classmate Alayna by former principal **Lisa Pielstick**. Tory and Alayna developed a close friendship over the course of their senior year that helped build a strong foundation for their marriage. The two celebrated their union alongside their close friends and other WCHS alumni: **Maddy Morrow (Palmer, '12)**, **Abbey Mast** ('12), **Celeste Galicia** ('12), **Devan Fredrickson** ('12), **Stephanie Modesto** ('13), **Beau Chandon** ('12), and **Curtis Campos** ('15). After enjoying an adventurous honeymoon in Yosemite, Tory and Alayna returned back to their home in Woodland. Tory works for AAA in Fairfield and is currently the assistant coach for the WCHS varsity boys basketball team. Alayna is pursuing a degree in History at Sacramento State while working as the administrative assistant for Yolo Eats Inc. in Woodland. When they are not busy with school and work, Tory and Alayna enjoy spending time with family, taking trips to the beach, hosting game nights with their friends, and participating in youth events at their church. The couple is blessed for the Christian education that played a pivotal role in not only bringing them together but also nourishing a strong, Christ-centered relationship.

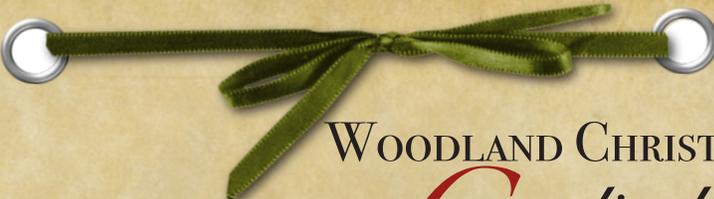


Mr. & Mrs. Torrance and Alayna Kelly



Mr. and Mrs. Josh and Dizzie Hus

Josh and **Dizzie (Bair, '13) Hus** were married on November 27th, 2015 in a beautiful ceremony at Lifepointe Church in Woodland. The wedding party included WCS alums **Brentne Rueda** ('12), **Molly Simpson** ('14), **Travis** ('11) and **Maddy (Palmer, '13) Morrow**, **Gustavo Schneider** ('12), and **Jacob Lopez** ('09). The newlyweds honeymooned in Monterey, CA. They are currently living in Woodland and attending school at William Jessup University. Josh graduates with a degree in Intercultural Studies this month. Beginning in January, they will be moving to Haiti, where they will live for two years. While there, they will be working with Jesus in Haiti Ministries, which oversees a large school of 250-300 students, a children's home, and Victory Bible Church. Their desire is to "lead visiting short-term ministry teams in such a way that each member develops a contagious hunger for the Gospel and an eagerness to see disciples made across the world." To find out more about the "Haitian Huses," you can contact them at [j.hus@jesusinhaiti.org](mailto:j.hus@jesusinhaiti.org) or [d.hus@jesusinhaiti.org](mailto:d.hus@jesusinhaiti.org).



WOODLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
*Cardinal Fund*

*Dear WCS Families,*

I have always appreciated churches that approach giving directly and with transparency. Dave Hargadon and I spend much time praying about the “right tone” in asking folks to support WCS through financial gifts. We never want anyone to feel compelled or coerced into a gift, but we also know the incredible good that is done at Woodland Christian through charitable giving. We want to make the needs known, make the givers know how much we appreciate them, and communicate that the gifts will be stewarded responsibly.

After another year of tremendous growth, we expect even more families to find a school home at WCS. Here they will be loved, prayed for, educated, and daily pointed to Christ. There are some transformative projects poised to begin that will allow us more room for new families and greatly enrich the experience of all at WCS. **We plan to build: a Preschool Building on the Matmor site (\$800k), an Elementary Learning Center (\$500k), a Middle-School/High-School Art and Science Building (\$750k), a Performing Arts Theater (\$500k), and a Gymnasium (\$1.4M).** We plan to build them quickly, prudently, and with excellence (as with the recent elementary construction).

We do not ask for financial contributions with any sense of entitlement, but we also know that God may be stirring someone in the WCS community to build one or all of these projects—so we want to make sure you know about them! **All gifts—regardless of size—are greatly appreciated, and they will be added to The Cardinal Fund, a true endowment for WCS.** The Cardinal Fund has an 80/20 split with 80% of gifts available immediately and 20% invested in an endowment to be created for the long-term financial security of WCS.

We encourage all givers to spend some time on our campus. Dave Hargadon and I would love to show you the special work being done in our classrooms, at our events, and in our community. Woodland Christian is truly a light in our community. It is a light that, thanks to generous supporters, is getting brighter and brighter. Thank you for remembering us in this season. Most of all, and as always, we are so very grateful for your prayers. We wish you a very, merry Christmas.

God bless each of you,

*Justin Smith*  
Administrator, WCS



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