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Building to Excellence

# Celebrating the Class of 2023



**Top:** front - Abrianna Zuccaro, Jeralyn Fast, Cassie Stahl, Abby Hasart, Kinsey VanDerWerff, Lily Hofer, Isabel Blom; back - Colleen Wipf, Lexi VanDeHey, Brennen Hood, Weston Stahl, Landon Wallman, Brone Zajicek, Landon Wager; **Left:** Attendants Mya Thielbar, Jacey Wipf; **Center:** Speakers Abby Hasart, Mrs. Paula Kleinsasser, Cassie Stahl; **Right:** Ushers Natalie Hamilton, Ethan Bartholow



The commencement ceremony for the fourteen students in the JVCS Class of 2023 was held on Sunday, May 14, in the auditorium. Senior speakers Abby Hasart and Cassie Stahl referenced their class motto and recalled memories and challenges unique to the class.

Mrs. Paula Kleinsasser, former JVC elementary teacher and principal, gave the address. She challenged the students to be willing to take on a challenge, have stamina and grit, and be willing to wait. She also encouraged the students with verses from Psalm 101, ending her speech by reading the children's book *Wherever You Go I Want You to Know* by Melissa Kruger.

Following a slide presentation, seniors were given diplomas and Bibles.

Eighth grade students were also recognized during the ceremony.



**Front** - Ally Hohm, Nave Gross, Alesha Andreas, Morgan Papka, Kira Daher, Elisabeth Hamilton; **Center** - Kolby Glanzer, Addison Bartholow, Olivea Gross, Natalie Zajicek, Hadasah Olson, Ellie Kempf; **Back** - Rylin Wipf, Gavin Waldner, Cole Anderson, Davis Chase, Oliver Gubin, Addyson Knight

**The mission of James Valley Christian School is to teach a Biblically based education, transforming hearts and minds to impact the world for Christ.**

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**Dr. Jeremy Zajicek, Head of School**  
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**2022-23 Theme Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7**  
**Walking with Jesus**

## Former Students, Staff Reflect on Mr. Knight's 30 Years of Teaching at JVC



This year, Mr. Mark Knight has reached the remarkable milestone of teaching at our school for thirty years. He began his JVC teaching and coaching career in 1989. Besides five years in the late nineties when he taught elsewhere, Mr. Knight has instructed decades of JVC students. He has also been an

important part of the Vikings athletic program as an assistant coach for girls and boys basketball, track and field, and soccer.

Mr. Knight says, "A neat thing about being here for awhile has been seeing the generations go by as I coached the kids of previous students and noticed the traditions continue."

We asked some former students and staff to tell us about Mr. Knight.

"Although each assignment Mr. Knight handed out had a staple in it, he invested in me and was always there to answer questions to make sure I understood the concept." -Colleen Wipf, Class of '23

"Mr. Knight was my favorite teacher in high school. I learned so much in each of his classes—a hard work ethic, time management skills, and science. There were always life lessons and spiritual discussions scattered throughout each of his classes, which were interesting and valuable to me." —Mr. Brent Stahl, JVC Alumnus, Math Teacher

"While his classes are not easy, he makes time to help my kids with their science. That was me too, a little while ago when he was a slightly younger teacher, and I was the student who had lots of questions." —Mr. Jory Wipf, JVC Alumnus, Social Studies Teacher

"To serve for thirty years in Christian ministry is rare. It takes a personal conviction and the help of the Holy Spirit to teach God's Word through content to children. Some of Mr. Knight's most impactful moments have been his messages at chapel. Students laugh at his childhood antics and are moved by his testimony. Many of our alumni have received personal letters from Mr. Knight, encouraging notes to say, 'I haven't forgotten about you.' That is an impact that goes beyond teaching in the classroom." -Mrs. Cindy Niederbaumer, JVC Principal

## JVC Track & Field Athletes Place at State Meet

The Vikings competed in eighteen events at the State Track Meet in Sioux Falls on May 25-27. These athletes made it to the podium.

- Gavin Waldner, 8<sup>th</sup>, Long Jump, 19'4"
- Andee Frandsen, 8<sup>th</sup>, 100m Hurdles, 16.98
- Maggie Decker, 7<sup>th</sup>, Shot Put, 36'
- Hadasah Olson, 7<sup>th</sup>, 3200m Run, 12:27
- Abby Hasart, Jacey Wipf, Hadasah Olson, and Daril Frandsen, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3200m Relay, 10:15
- Andee Frandsen, 5<sup>th</sup>, 300m Hurdles, 49.47
- Dax Frandsen, 5<sup>th</sup>, 1600m Run, 4:42
- Abby Hasart, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3200m Run, 12:20



**Top L-** Maggie Decker; **Top Center-** Daril Frandsen, Hadasah Olson, Jacey Wipf, Abby Hasart; **Top R-** Gavin Waldner; **Bottom L-** Andee Frandsen; **Bottom Center-** Dax Frandsen; **Bottom R-** Abby Hasart, Hadasah Olson

For Coach Wipf's complete track recap, click "news" at [www.jvcs.org](http://www.jvcs.org).



## How We Walked with Jesus

This year our theme at JVCS was Walking with Jesus from 2 Corinthians 5:7. As we reflect on the year, just how did we walk with Jesus? Here are a few examples:

- Prayer - Faculty and staff begin each day with a prayer for our students and parents. In total over 270 hours of prayer were invested.
- Worship and Spiritual Emphasis – Each high school student participated in more than 30 hours of chapel and spiritual emphasis.
- Biblically Based Instruction - Each student received over 1,000 hours of academic instruction rooted in God's word.



**Top-** Elementary children worship in chapel.  
**Right-** Third grade student Jep Evenson presents a Bible lesson for the Speech Festival.  
**Bottom-** Cassie Stahl, Jonathan Koel, Brone Zajicek read from God's Word during chapel.



As we finished the year, we challenged ourselves with the truths of Galatians 6:9. "Don't become weary in doing what is good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we don't give up." You see, a seed will produce a good root system before any fruit is visible. We know that God is faithful in His promises. Therefore, we teach each day so that we can play a crucial role in transforming hearts and minds to impact the world for Christ.

## Biblical Parenting Class to Be Held at JVC

JVCS is pleased to host a biblical parenting class on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Biblical parenting provides the foundation for all ages and stages of parenting. Whether a child is one or eighteen years old, Parenting with a Plan will inspire, encourage, and equip parents.

Current JVCS families receive *The Renewation Review* magazine from us yearly. This conference is another Renewation resource to help parents assess their parenting priorities, increase their intentionality, and form their own discipleship plan. The conference is a combination of seminars, workshops, and Q&A time.

We invite anyone to attend: single, divorced, blended families, married without children, expecting, young families, parents with teens, seasoned parents, and grandparents. Our parenting conference encourages you to invest in your family and grow as a parent—no matter the age or stage.

Watch our website and upcoming publications for registration information.



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## JVCS Fall Event to Feature The Skit Guys

Tommy Woodard and Eddie James — better known as The Skit Guys — are coming to JVCS for our Fall Event on Thursday, September 14! According to their website, “The Skit Guys believe laughter is the best medicine (unless you have a broken leg, then you should see a doctor).”

Our Fall Event is a celebration of Christian education. There is no charge to attend, and the evening is open to everyone of any age.

As high school students, Tommy and Eddie fell in love with acting in their school’s theater productions and had a knack for making people laugh. When Tommy invited Eddie to church, everything changed. With encouragement and guidance from their youth pastor, the guys started to write and perform skits for their youth group. No longer was it just about making people laugh — their skits now had a bigger purpose.

Since then, they’ve been writing and performing hilarious and poignant skits live and on screen. They starred in their first feature film, *Family Camp*, a faith-based family comedy, which released in theaters across the U.S. on May 13, 2022 and ranked as the number one new family movie during its opening weekend.

Tommy and Eddie have traveled the world performing at events, churches, and conferences. They have grown SkitGuys.com into a media resource for pastors with countless videos and scripts that are used in churches all over the world. The Skit Guys also have a web series called Bedtime Bible Stories, their “Laugh More”



podcast, and a book on friendship called “Smells Like Bacon,” as well as comedy DVDs.

When they’re not performing or shooting new videos, both guys are serving in their local churches, enjoying good food (especially pizza and fries!), and loving life with their families.