

**October  
2023**



**Building to Excellence**

## JVCS Auction 2023

James Valley Christian School eagerly anticipates our fundraiser Auction to be held throughout November.

Donations are currently being received at the school as online sales kick off early next month followed by the live event held on our traditional date of the Saturday following Thanksgiving. In addition to biddable sales, some items will be raffled and others will have a buy-it-now feature online.

A donation of second row seats at the MercyMe/Toby-Mac/Zach Williams concert in Sioux Falls on November 10 has prompted the addition of a pre-event raffle. Auction coordinator Casey Frandsen hopes these early tickets will give the fundraiser a kick start toward this year's financial goal. He states, "We're really hoping to match last year's earnings of \$125,000."

Funds raised by donations, sales, and concessions will be used to help the school maintain a tuition rate that is well below the actual cost of educating a student.

Everyone is encouraged to join us in making this event a success. Make a donation of new items, baked goods, or certificates for a service you provide. Help us promote the Auction, and of course, attend this event which has for decades been a draw for alumni to reconnect and for the community to come together.



*Top L: Jesse Hohm and Troy Dowling showcase an item up for bids. Top R: Matt Niederbaumer displays baked goods. Bottom L: Ray Edwards and Preston Steele pose with the JVC Commemorative Shovel which is sold each year. Bottom R: Matt Magness points at a supporter who is making a bid.*

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
ONLINE SALES BEGIN

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**  
CONCESSIONS 4:00 - 6:30 PM  
LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

Concession stand includes Valleyburgers,  
bacon-wrapped pork skewers, popcorn,  
homemade desserts & more!

**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  
Mrs. Cindy Niederbaumer, Principal  
2023-24 Theme Verse: Daniel 12:3  
Shine Like the Stars**

## JVC Students Job Shadow at Local Businesses

World of Work is a new opportunity for students to gain work experience, learn about various career fields and earn high school credit. Students spend one semester working for about 90 minutes every other day in a local business and writing monthly reflections on their experience. This semester, JVC seniors Ethan Bartholow and Rhayonna Hood are participating in the program by job shadowing at 605 Automotive and Carr Chiropractic Clinic.

Ethan shares, "I am learning about being a mechanic, analyzing an issue and learning how to fix it. I have already learned to take the transmission out of a pickup and how to change brake pads. One of my favorite things about going to 605 is knowing every day that I will learn something new and have fun doing it. Working with Mike and Brandon is always entertaining. This job shadow experience will

definitely help me in the future when working in the shop at Asphalt Paving."

"Ethan is willing to take on any task and shows a great interest to learn," comments Nicole Dorris from 605 Automotive. "He already had some knowledge of vehicles, but he is getting a more in-depth look."



*Left: Ethan Bartholow experiencing hands-on learning at 605 Automotive.*



*Right: Rhayonna Hood shadowing staff at Carr Chiropractic Clinic.*

"We enjoy having students job shadow because we get to know them and have a rare opportunity to spend time with a teen who is eager to learn and be a part of our team. We provide insight on what our profession offers patients and expose them to more opportunities as they begin to make choices about their future."

Dr. Wayne continues, "Rhayonna has been a great fit. She is friendly, caring and willing to help when we ask. The team likes her, our patients like her, and she is a breath of fresh air every time she comes into the office."

Rhayonna also explains about her time at the clinic, "Getting to work at Carrs has helped me tremendously. The doctors have given

"This is an important profession," Nicole says. "It is valuable for students to look at long-term careers to really see if it is what they would enjoy."

Dr. Wayne Carr from Carr Chiropractic reflects on the program,

me the opportunity to work with their patients. Understanding more about chiropractors has answered questions about my future career as I have been able to move around the clinic to experience different situations."

## The Skit Guys Draw Crowd at Fall Event

Christian comedy duo The Skit Guys performed at our Fall Event on Thursday, September 14, drawing a comfortably full auditorium of approximately 600 guests. Those in attendance were both entertained and challenged by best friends Tommy Woodard and Eddie James. In addition, a brief video was shown to promote the school. Fellowship and snacks followed the presentations.



*Left: The Skit Guys perform Biblical and inspirational stories.*



*Right: JVC students pose with Tommy & Eddie.*



## Shine Like the Stars by Dr. Jeremy Zajicek, JVCS Head of School



*Dr. Jeremy Zajicek,  
JVCS Head of School*

We find our 2023-24 theme of ***Shine Like the Stars*** in Daniel 12:3. It states: "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Daniel is a shining example of an individual who lived his life in such a way that his behavior, attitude, and actions impacted the world for Christ. Consider these truths from the book of Daniel.

**Daniel had the faith to be different than the culture.** Daniel 1:8 – "But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself."

**Daniel had the faith to give all the glory to God.** Daniel 2:30 – "It is not because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because God wants you to understand what was in your heart."

**Daniel had the faith to trust God in the face of danger.** Daniel 3:28 – "They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."

**Daniel had the faith to proclaim truth boldly.** Daniel 4:27 – "O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed."

**Daniel remained faithful his entire life.** When almost everyone had forgotten the life of Daniel, he was still faithful. In Daniel 5:12, when no one could be found to interpret the king's dream, the queen's mother remembered: "There is a man in your kingdom who has within him the spirit of the Holy God."

As we reflect on Daniel's life, we should be encouraged that we serve the same God that Daniel served! As we strive to remain faithful, we pray that our faculty, staff, churches, parents, and students ***Shine Like the Stars*** in our community.

## JVCS Offers After-School Program

It has been a couple of years since our school has offered an after-school program, but we are excited to have this service available to our elementary school students and families.

Our school received a start-up grant to help with program expenses. We purchased a fence, new equipment for the playground, and supplies.

On average about twelve students, ranging from three to twelve years old,

are utilizing the program from 3:30-5:30 after school. Students enjoy snacks, games, and outdoor play. Older students have time to complete some homework as well. The students enjoy playing with other students that they might not normally interact with during a typical school day.

We are thankful for this opportunity to enhance our services for JVC families!



*Photos: Students enjoy a variety of games and activities at our after-school program.*





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**JVCS Annual Auction**  
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## Little Learners Join Early Education Program by Cindy Niederbaumer, Principal

Busy! Busy! Busy! Our littlest learners in our school this year are busy learning in our early education program that serves three, four, and five year old children. Some of the students join our program for half of the day, and others are with us for a whole school day. The program is at its capacity of 20 students. It is a privilege to be a part of these little ones' first educational experiences and teach them about God's world.

To see these children discover language, math, science, and art is encouraging and they amaze us every day with their creativity! Their days include language study of letters and sounds, Bible stories, experiments, drawing, building, and creating. They have physical education twice a week to develop their gross motor skills; they love going to music class three times a week where they experience rhythm, instruments, and singing. Because they are so busy learning, they also need a rest time and of course everyone loves lunch and snack time!

Mrs. Trina Hamilton is the lead teacher and Mrs. Kelly Hofer is the paraeducator in the classroom in the morning. This program could not happen without the support of loving volunteers. Lorena Blom, Cherrlyn Fast, Katie Hohm, Betty Stahl, Lauren Underkofler, and Delphia Wiebe assist the students in the afternoons. It's a busy room, but the reward is so great!

