

**February
2024**



Building to Excellence

JVC's Stewardship Dinner Theater Announces *No Name in the Street*

A dramatic and powerful play about Holy Week will inspire guests at JVC's Stewardship Dinner Theater production of *No Name in the Street* set for Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. The audience will witness the events leading up to the crucifixion of Christ as a mother searches for her son in this riveting play by Edward Murch.

Kathy Hofer and Deneise Wipf are directing the show of cast members who portray various individuals who may have lived during the time of Jesus' death and resurrection. Lorena Blom will coordinate musical additions to the script as well as dinner music.

In addition to the play, guests will be treated to a homecooked meal by returning caterers Sharla Wipf and Julie Granstrom.

The dining room atmosphere, created under the leadership of Mara Norby and Ada Frandsen, will be reminiscent of the streets of Jerusalem.

JVC's Development Director Casey Frandsen says the school aims to raise \$80,000 at this event. Ticket



sales, meal sponsorships, as well as donations made the two nights of the dinner theater will go directly to fulfill the mission of the school, which is to teach a biblically based education transforming hearts and minds to impact the world for Christ. "When people give, they help us keep the tuition costs down. It makes it feasible for our families to be able to choose our school for their children," he says and then adds, "Besides the needed fundraising that the event provides, the evening is always a fantastic experience for our patrons."

Tickets for the event cost \$50 and are advance sales only. Beginning on Thursday, February 22, place your order at www.jvcs.org where you may choose your auditorium seats. Guests who buy tickets together will be seated together for dinner. Anyone needing help to purchase tickets is encouraged to call or stop by the office.

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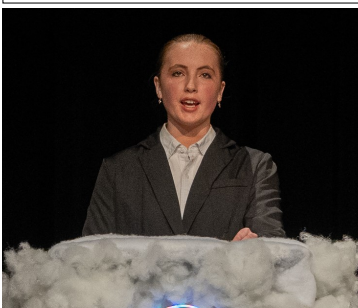
**Dr. Jeremy Zajicek, Head of School
Mrs. Cindy Niederbaumer, Principal
2023-24 Theme Verse: Daniel 12:3
*Shine Like the Stars***

Homeschool Partnership Valued by Families, School

Eleven students are enrolled in JVC's homeschool partnership, joining music, sports, or drama. According to JVC's Principal Cindy Niederbaumer the program began in 2021. "We wanted to reach families in our community whose beliefs match our school's mission. This was a feasible way to stretch into our community and have an impact. We started enrolling homeschool students for that fall."

Gary and Jacqueline Scholl, whose three children have been involved in volleyball, soccer, and one act play at JVC say their kids benefit from the guidance and encouragement that they receive from the JVC faculty. Mrs. Scholl describes advantages like team building, skill development, and a personalized approach. "Our family recognizes the value of fellowship and activities provided by this opportunity and definitely recommends it to other families!"

Top Left: Nastasia Scholl plays the part of Notification in the one act play. **Bottom Left:** Isaac Wipf handles the soccer ball for the Vikings. **Top Right:** Sky Pullman rehearses for a band contest. **Bottom Right:** Landon Schutt performs in the play alongside JVC's fulltime student Belle Niederbaumer.



Cory and Tasha Hokanson's daughters play in band. They reflect, "Sky and Khloe are enthusiastic about the engaging activities and supportive atmosphere." They believe the positive impact extends beyond musical development, contributing significantly to the girls' overall growth. The Hokansons appreciate the encouragement from staff and the lasting friendships created through the strong community of the program. "Without a doubt, we wholeheartedly recommend this program."

"This partnership has been such a blessing to our family," says Brad and Angie Schutt, parents of three students enrolled in our program. "We are able to continue educating our children, but they don't have to miss out on things that can only be experienced with fellow students. This is the second year that Emily has participated in oral interp and one act. Landon was in the play this year, and he is already looking forward to next year! Our 5th grade daughter is learning to play clarinet. Mrs. Halsey has been a perfect fit for Lydia -- encouraging her and giving her confidence. We are so thankful to be a part of this wonderful, Christian learning environment!"

It is not only the homeschool families who benefit. "From my perspective," shares Mr. Jory Wipf, head soccer coach, "the homeschool partnership has been beneficial to our activities. Those participating certainly add value to our programs, lettering in various sports and qualifying in state events."

Band instructor Mrs. Rachel Halsey confirms, "It is a joy to provide instrumental studies and performance opportunities at JVC."

Casey Frandsen, coach of JVC's junior varsity basketball team is enthusiastic about the program as well, "It is a pleasure to have these athletes play with us. They are as big of a part of our team as the fully enrolled JVC students."

Mrs. Niederbaumer agrees, "It has been great to watch our students make new connections." She encourages area homeschool families who are interested in the program to call the school or complete an application on our website.

One Act Play Earns Superior, Acting Awards At State Festival

Username cast and crew earned a Superior at the State Festival held at Brandon Valley High School the first weekend in February.

Under the direction of Jill Mendel and Cindy Niederbaumer, the fifteen high school students told the story of Cameron, a teen who learns the advantages and disadvantages of having technology, especially social media, right at our fingertips.

Belle Niederbaumer, who played Cameron; Micaiah Brantner, as Cameron's sister; and Nastasia Scholl, as Notification each earned an Outstanding Acting Award. Playing the parts of the parents were Jonathan Koel and Natalie Hamilton

(JVC's only senior actor), who earned an Outstanding Ensemble Award. In addition the group of *Username*s played by Hope Mendel, Elaina Hohm, Rebecca Stahl, Elisabeth Hamilton, Emily Schutt, Landon Schutt, Olivea Gross, and Ally Hohm also earned an Outstanding Ensemble Award.

Seniors Elijah Bishop and Christopher Krogstad operated the lights and sound for the play.



Front: Elaina Hohm, Rebecca Stahl, Hope Mendel; Center: Micaiah Brantner, Natalie Hamilton, Jonathan Koel, Belle Niederbaumer; Back: Mrs. Niederbaumer, Ally Hohm, Christopher Krogstad, Emily Schutt, Landon Schutt, Nastasia Scholl, Elisabeth Hamilton, Elijah Bishop, Olivea Gross, Mrs. Mendel

JAMES VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HOSTS

YOUTH NIGHT

FOR ALL AREA TEENS

Sunday
March 17
6:00-9:00PM

JVCS
Auditorium

- INSPIRING SPEAKER
MARK WARDER OF
PULSE MINISTRIES
- WORSHIP BY JVCS
STUDENT PRAISE TEAM
- PIZZA AND GAMES

Grab some friends and join us for Mark's challenge from the Bible about our identity in Christ.

Monthly Donors Needed

The gifts of God's people have been sustaining James Valley Christian School for decades. Donors faithfully partner with us, allowing us to keep tuition affordable as we diligently work to fulfill our mission. Our Heavenly Father is faithful to ensure that seasonal or yearly gifts are always right on time to meet our financial needs.

Alongside those generous gifts, we would like to see growth in monthly commitments. Recurring monthly gifts are a dependable source of income that gives us confidence knowing we have the ongoing support of our community. For donors, it is an affordable way to help us meet each month's needs.

Are you interested in giving monthly? By doing so, you invest an amount that makes sense for you and make an incredible impact at the same time.

Have your bank account information ready when you call our bookkeeper at 605-352-7737. Pam will get you set up for a recurring gift for any amount that may be adjusted at any time to fit your situation.



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STATE OF THE SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Participation:
75% parent
response

Listed is the
percentage of
parents who
agree with the
survey
statements.



JVCS is fulfilling its mission to teach a biblically based education, transforming hearts and minds to impact the world for Christ.

97%

JVCS provides high-quality academic instruction for my children.



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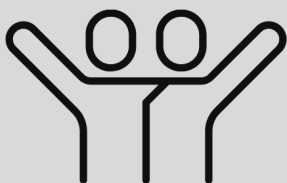


97%

JVCS provides high-quality spiritual development for my children.

96%

JVCS provides a safe learning environment for my children.



My child maintains healthy relationships with fellow students.

88%

JVCS has a positive reputation in the community.



83%

I am likely to recommend JVCS to a friend.

95%

95%



I receive the information I need from the school to be engaged in my child's education.



Survey Yields Encouraging Results

James Valley Christian School released its second annual "State of the School" survey to parents. We are excited that 75% of our parents responded to our 2024 survey.

Everything we do is guided by our mission of teaching a biblically based education, transforming hearts and minds to impact the world for Christ. This survey provides valuable insight into our effectiveness in accomplishing our mission.

-Dr. Jeremy Zajicek
Head of School