

James Valley Christian School

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December 12, 2025

Calendar

Dec 12	All School Christmas Chapel, 9 AM
Dec 15	K-12 Christmas Concert @ JVC, 7 PM
Dec 16, 18, 22	Auditions for Stewardship Dinner Theater @ JVC
Dec 16	GBB vs Harrold/Highmore @ JVC, 5 PM
Dec 17 - 19	Semester Tests
Dec 17	5th/6th Band Christmas Concert @ JVC, 3 PM
Dec 18	DH BB Game @ Ethan, 5 PM
Dec 19	Early Release @ 1:30 PM (No After School Care)
Dec 19	DH BB Game @ SBA, 4:15 PM
Dec 20 - Jan 5	No School - Christmas Break
Jan 6	Classes Resume

Auction 2025 Update

Thank you to everyone that had a part in our 66th Annual Auction. Whether you were a volunteer, donor, or a bidder, your contribution is greatly appreciated. Our JVC families are blessed by your generosity. Please thank God with us!

Items Donated: 750 Items
 Bids made: 5,857 Bids
 Total Raised: \$102,709.24

Parade of Lights Results

Thank you to everyone that helped with the planning, building, and riding/walking with the JVC float! Our float received awards in both People's Choice and Most Creative.

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

The Executive Committee met on Monday, December 8. The group prayed and carried out its regular business, including reviewing administrative reports, receiving updates from advisory committees, and hearing an accreditation progress report. The committee also completed its scheduled board training. Language for the school's policy on bullying was approved for inclusion in the student handbook. We also took a moment to rejoice and thank God for the financial support that we have received from generous donors giving to support this ministry.

State Oral Interp Results

Congratulations to our JVC Oral Interp team on a job well done at the State Oral Interp Competition in Watertown on December 5-6!

Belle Niederbaumer earned Superior Awards in both Poetry and Serious and Audri Hohm earned a Superior in Non-Oratory Original. The team also received a Team Excellence Award.

Prayer Corner

Each school day morning, JVC staff meets to pray for our families. Will you pray as well?

Mon - Josh & Brooke LeGrand, Anthony & Ronda Lind, Anthony & Emma Loewen, Samuel Engel

Tues - Victor & Julia Lopez, Teresa McAdams, Matt & Jecelyn Magness, Joe & Pam Evenson

Wed - Augusto & Mirna Martinez Rodriguez, Cody & Bryce Maxwell, Carlos & Lorena Martinez, Shannon Gross

Thurs - Mark & Wendy McDermaid, Merrit & Jill Mendel, Tyler & Whitney McDonald, Ryan & Hannah Glanzer

Fri - Michael & Maggie Mendel, Darby & Jessica Nelson, Justin & Andrea Olson, Chet & Grace Glanzer



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

Alumni Pep Band Night

We are looking for members to participate in this year's Alumni/Community Pep Band.

All are welcome to join!

The Alumni/Community Pep Band plans to play on January 8 when we play Wolsey-Wessington. Please report at 5:45 PM.

If you are planning to play, please contact Mrs. Halsey at r.halsey@jvcs.org or by text at 605-370-4555, so she can have your music ready.

Stewardship Dinner Theater to Hold Auditions

We are so excited to start auditions for our 2026 Stewardship Dinner Theater! Auditions for *Annie* will be held on December 16, 18, and 22 in the choir room at JVC. Auditions will be from 4-8PM each day and there will be 10 minute time slots for auditions. Please use the Activity Entrance when you come for auditions.

Anyone (age 6 and up) in the community is welcome to audition for a part. Please complete an audition form and sign up for a time slot by going to www.jvcs.org and clicking on the "Annie Auditions" tab or by scanning the QR code below. When you come for your audition, please come prepared with a short piece of music to perform. For example, this could be a verse of your favorite hymn, worship or pop song. You can bring a back track or bring music so that Mrs. Blom can play accompaniment.

Call backs will be held at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Blom at l.blom@jvcs.org.

Annie will be performed on March 27-28. Tickets will go on sale in February.



Christmas Break

DECEMBER 19

EARLY RELEASE @ 1:30 PM
(NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 5

NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 6

CLASSES RESUME

PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE SYCAMORE CALENDAR FOR INFO ABOUT PRACTICES AND ACTIVITIES.



A Note from Mr. Engel

As we enter this season of gratitude and giving, I want to share an honest snapshot of where we stand as a school. Each year, our monthly operating expenses out pace incoming tuition during the fall semester, creating a temporary deficit that is historically closed through the generous support of our community. This December, we are again trusting the Lord's provision as we work to close a remaining gap of \$180,000.

At the same time, we have a heartfelt desire to bless our teachers with a modest Christmas bonus in recognition of their extraordinary dedication—something that cannot be funded through our operational budget. If God prompts you to help in either area, whether by supporting our core mission or by investing directly in our teachers, your generosity will make a meaningful difference in sustaining and encouraging the ministry of James Valley Christian School. If you would like to assist in providing our staff with a Christmas gift then please submit a donation to our office no later than December 18th.

Favorite Family Christmas Traditions

We asked some of our students and staff what their favorite family Christmas tradition is. Enjoy their responses.

Kolby VanDerWerff [12th Grade] - "My family does Secret Santa. We draw names out of the same hat every year."

Braylynn Hood [12th Grade] - "In order to open presents on Christmas morning, my siblings and I have to wake up our dad by singing the 12 Days of Christmas in different voices."

KinLee Norby [8th Grade] - "My family always watches National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation while we open up Christmas presents."

Ingunn Jennings [Staff] - "My favorite family tradition is going to church and opening presents."

Addison Kleinsasser [10th Grade] - "My family drives around and looks at all the Christmas lights."

Kaitlyn Stahl [12th Grade] - "We wear matching Christmas pajamas."

Elisabeth Hamilton [10th Grade] - "My family gets eggnog every year. Also, my siblings and I draw names to see to who we get presents for."

Cindy Niederbaumer [Staff] - "My favorite tradition is decorating our Christmas tree with the new ornaments my kids received for the year."

Viking Discount Cards are available for purchase in the main office at JVC.