

The Flame

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In the Hands of the Potter

“...Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we all are the work of your hands” (Isaiah 64:8 CSB).

Creativity comes from our Creator. Since we are made in the image of One who creates, our response should be a desire to reflect that creation. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” (II Cor. 5:17 CSB).

~ Inspired by March 6th Chapel. Read more on page 3.

ROSCO THE PIG AND ORDINARY LOVE

by Roxie G.

2/21/24: Jonathan Purdy



Jonathan Purdy opened chapel by asking a question, "How did you come to Christ?" Then he said that God doesn't just want us to be saved, but He also wants us to be disciples and run after Him. Our relationship with God is often

compared to a race (Hebrews 12:1-2). Mr. Purdy also spoke about Hebrews 11, which he called the "Biblical Hall of Fame." Hebrews 11 speaks of the faith of Adam, Abraham, Noah, and many others. Mr. Purdy pointed out, "They weren't great people, but they believed in a great God." We tend to think of these Bible giants as perfect, but they were people just like us who had a faith in a perfect God. They ran their race for God. God calls us to run our race with purpose, throwing off all of the things of the world that hinder us. Mr. Purdy said that we are to do this because sin can so easily distract us from God has for us.



Mr. Purdy gave us a humorous example of distraction. He told a story about a pig named Rosco. Mr. Purdy said that the only way to catch this pig was to lure the pig with corn. He said that we as Christians must resist sin because it can distract us from our race and lead us on to a different path. Instead to run the race of faith with persistence. We are to fix our eyes on Christ alone and not the things of this world. Jonathan said, "Don't be like Rosco." He ended up at the butcher, distracted by the enticement of corn.

2/28/24: Aaron Miller



Aaron Miller '08 came to give a chapel talk and to share information about RBC where he serves as the Director of Development. Mr. Miller discussed what it means to love our neighbor and how that can be difficult at times. He referred to Mark 12:28-34. and talked about how the Jews didn't love

certain people groups such as the Romans and the Samaritans. However, Jesus showed love to all the people around him: the poor, the Romans, and the Samaritans. We as Christians are called to show love to others--even our enemies. Mr. Miller then told a story of how he had to drive a group of locals in a small car in Bolivia. His story illustrated that it is easy for us to care for those that like us, but showing the love of Christ means showing love to everyone around us.

2/28/24: Mrs. Lynne Wolfe



Mrs. Wolfe taught the elementary chapel. She talked about why we memorize scripture at Shekinah. She said that the Word of God is something we as Christians must be familiar with. The Bible is a way God can speak to us. Through reading the Bible we can learn God's will for our lives and how to live like Jesus. It is important to memorize Scripture, and have it in our hearts. She talked about the different names for the Bible such as: the Gospel, the Word of God, and the Good News. She also led the kids through a game called Sword Drill, where students flip through the Bible to find certain references.

IN THE HANDS OF THE POTTER, THE BELLY OF A WHALE, AND THE FIREY FURNACE, HE IS WITH US

by Taylor H.

3/6/24—Bryan Nass



A Bob Ross trivia game at the beginning of chapel got 7th-12th graders' attention. The game led into the topic for chapel, "The Potter." Our speaker, Bryan Nass, Church Building Resident at Vertical Church in Columbus, talked about how God intentionally created us in His image. Isaiah 64:8 speaks about God as our potter and that we are

the work of His hands. "A person's heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps" (Proverbs 16:9 CSB). We are God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10). He designed us to do good things and He wants each one of us to flourish. Our failure is God's opportunity, and our willingness allows God to mold us. None of us is a finished product. God uses even our mistakes to make us like Him. The question is, "Are we allowing the artist to work?" Mr. Nass gave us some key points to ponder.

3/06/24: Mrs. Darlene Yutzy



Our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Darlene Yutzy, spoke in the K-6th grade chapel: first, about God's power and provision in sending a whale to swallow Jonah and secondly, about how God wants us to forgive those who have wronged us. God forgives everyone no matter

how bad or good we have been. Mrs. Yutzy had Maddux and Liam do a reader's theater with Jonah complaining to God about the Ninevites being saved. She had each person write on little paper cutout people either a name or picture representing someone who had wronged us. Mrs. Yutzy had a blue sheet representing the sea that we could either throw our paper cutouts into on our way out of chapel or keep them as a reminder to pray for the person(s) who wronged us.

3/13/24-Worship Chapel



This week was a worship chapel. The worship team led the whole student body in a time of worship. It was a wonderful time to gather together and

worship a God who deeply loves and cares for each one of us!



3/20/24-Jonathan Purdy



In two chapel sessions, Jonathan Purdy referred to the story in Daniel 3 where Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused

to compromise and bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's image and how God "quenched the fury of the flames" (Hebrews 11:34). Jonathan began with six translations of Hebrews 11:34 and a game of "telephone" to show that the Bible can be trusted. God doesn't promise to take us *out* of the fire but He is with us *in* the fire.



ELEMENTARY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

by Riann P.

Kindergarten



Kindergarteners have been having so much fun learning almost all of their letters and counting nearly all the way to 100! The kids have been relaxing during story time and learning how to do their math in fun ways like using connecting blocks with friends and filling out worksheets and using whiteboards. One day they measured the height of Goliath and put a poster of the giant on the gym wall!



1st Grade



For St. Patrick's Day, the 1st grade class made a timeline from the cross to the present day and labeled the time St. Patrick was alive. This was to help the students have a better understanding of when St. Patrick existed and to see

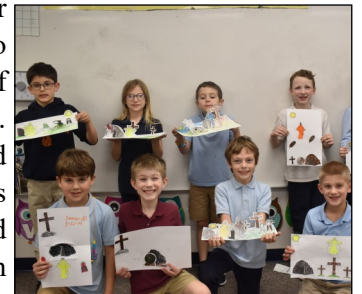


that he was a person in real life. The students also colored an Irish shamrock, to represent the Trinity, and this helped the class understand the Trinity the way that St. Patrick explained it. The students also had

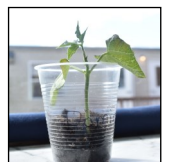
a blast baking delicious gingerbread cookies together.

2nd Grade

The 2nd graders have been very busy learning about the value of money and the importance of saving money. They earn class money for doing good things, like turning in schoolwork, doing Bible Memory, and keeping the classroom neat. With the currency, they can reward themselves by buying a fun toy, treat, or school supplies. The kids collect money from each task, and every Thursday, their TA leads an auction. She starts the bid at \$1 and the students bid on items, raising the value themselves. The child with the highest bid gains the prize. They conduct the auction with their heads down and by raising their paddles. This way it's anonymous and stays objective. Everyone loves this system, and it helps motivate and encourage good behavior in the classroom. It also teaches them the value of earning and saving money. The class also created Resurrection Day displays for Easter and created necklaces and bracelets in their free time this week.



3rd Grade



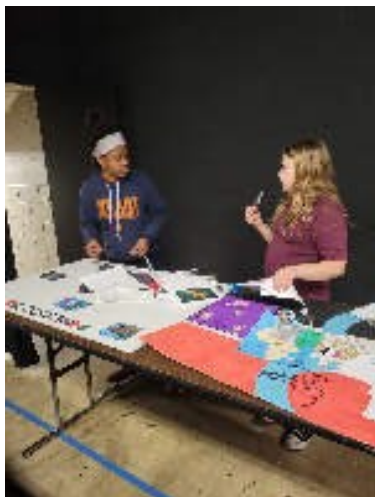
The 3rd graders have been hard at work growing green beans! They planted the seeds a couple of weeks ago in their plastic cups and have them sitting on the window sills so that they sit in direct sunlight. Watching the plants sprout and climb in height as they

grow and thrive has been a very exciting time for the 3rd graders. The students also made animal habitats for class. They created a wide variety of mammals and weather climates.



MORE ELEMENTARY EVENTS

by Jadon M..



The 4th graders created presentations on various countries around the world. They displayed their projects to their younger classmates.

In the past month, 6th and 5th grade completed several projects. They created several representations of biomes where animals live across the world. They created cardboard scenes such as coral in the ocean and giraffes in the savannah. After completing their cardboard and paper biomes, they displayed them throughout Shekinah's hallways.



In addition to their biome project, the 6th graders recently did experiments with pH and electricity. Along with the 5th graders, the 6th graders are currently completing brief biographies on important historical characters.



JH BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON

by Riley H.

The JH boys ended the 2023-2024 season with a record of 7-11. The junior high boys' basketball coach, Arnold Shetler, said that his goal for coaching at the junior high level is to have players dial in their shooting, improve their

off-ball handling, and increase their basketball IQ on the court. He believes that they improved in each area this year.



JV & VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL



The Shekinah Flames made it to District Finals this year for the 2nd time in Shekinah's 13 years of OHSAA tournaments. They lost to Fisher Catholic in District Finals on March 8, but the team is already looking forward to next year, planning to work hard in the off-season.

The JV team also had a successful season (13-6). Coach, Josh Ellis said, "...The guys really showed a lot of spirit and grit, executing multiple comebacks and wire to wire wins. Coming and pushing the varsity squad every day in practice, the JV team showed over and over again their desire to both win games and improve as basketball players."

"This season was a special one for our team. We shattered team records for wins (21), longest winning streak (19 games), fewest points per game allowed (43.2), and set a number of other marks along the way. This group of players was fully committed to each other every step of the way. We bonded and made the most out of our abilities to put together one of the most accomplished teams in school history. More importantly, the team acted in a way that glorifies God and set a good example for our school. I am incredibly proud of our season."

-Coach Keith Lambert



Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Keith Lambert wrapped up his ninth season of coaching at Shekinah, by being honored as the 2024 Central District Division IV Coach of the Year!!! This is the first time Coach Lambert has received this particular award. In addition to this award he was also named the 2024 District 10 D-IV Coach of the Year. He received the District 10 D-IV Coach of the Year in 2018, 2019, and 2023. The past four years, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, he was also awarded the MOCAL Coach of the Year, Congratulations, Coach!!

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

by Alinea S.

“This season was full of lots of learning moments as well as many opportunities to play some good competition. We ended the season 12-7, making it to the second round of the MOCAL tournament. We had a great group of girls who worked hard and had fun while doing it. Coach Dan and I are extremely proud of the growth we saw in the girls throughout the season, and we look forward to seeing how the girls progress in the coming years.”

- Coach Dalton Beachy



The 2023-2024 JH girls' basketball team had a great season, going 12-7 and making it to the second round of the post-season, MOCAL tournament, placing third in the MOCAL.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

by Alinea S.

“We had a really fun group who pushed themselves and each other to compete, and play with the expectation of success, and no matter the outcome, play for God's glory. We had a great group of seniors that really worked hard at creating great team chemistry and it showed the younger girls the importance of competing for each other rather than for oneself. Finishing the season third in the league, plus reaching the Sectional Finals, and a 15-9 record either met or succeeded our goals set at the beginning of the season.

-Coach Brock Yutzy



Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, Brock Yutzy, a 2013 graduate of Shekinah, has been named the 2024 District 10 Division IV Coach of the Year by the Coaches' Association! He has coached basketball at Shekinah for 11 seasons.

**CONGRATULATIONS
BROCK YUTZY!!**
2024 DISTRICT 10 DIVISION IV
COACH OF THE YEAR



The 2023-2024 Varsity Girls' Basketball team had a great season, going 15-9 and making it to the Sectional Finals for the first time in five years!

Basketball Awards Night

by Allison B.

March 18 was Awards Night for winter sports. All of the basketball teams celebrated their hard fought seasons with a presentation of the awards and recognition of individual achievements followed by ice cream. Congratulations to all of the teams and coaches for another successful season of basketball!

JH Girls

Coach: Dalton Beachy

Assistant Coach: Dan Eichorn

Coaches' Award:

Eliana W.

Flame Award:

Rebecca E.

Most Improved Award:

Olivia H.



JH Boys

Coach: Arnold Shetler

Coach's Award:

A.J. Y.

Flame Award:

Michael M.

Most Improved Award:

Gideon L.



JV Girls

Coach: Kelsey Beachy

Assistant Coaches:

Brock Yutzy and Todd Charles

MVP Award:

Abigail D.

Most Improved Award:

AnaSophia S.



JV Boys

Coach: Josh Ellis

Assistant Coaches:

Keith Lambert and Mario Brunicardi

Coaches' Award:

David M.

Most Improved Award:

Luke L.

MVP:

Camden M.

Flame Award:

David Gingerich



Varsity Girls

Coach: Brock Yutzy,

Assistant Coaches:

Kelsey Beachy and Todd Charles

Coaches' Award:

Gabi N. and Roxie G.

Most Improved Award:

Brook P.

MVP:

Haylee B.

Flame Award:

Alinea S. and Ruby G.



Varsity Boys

Coach: Keith Lambert,

Assistant Coaches: Josh Ellis and Mario Brunicardi

Coaches' Award:

Elijah Y.

Most Improved Award:

Jayce Y.

MVP:

Alex B.

Flame Award:

Jadon M.



(See District and League Awards on page 11.)

CPR Training for 8th-10th Grades

by Gabi N.



On Friday February 23rd from 2-3:15pm, students taking Health classes this year (mostly 8th-10th grade students) received training on how to properly perform CPR. Shane Hammond and Billy Rings from the Pleasant Valley Fire Department were the trainers. All students completed the training and have received their certifications of completion.

SMALL but MIGHTY*

Shekinah Christian School may be a small school, but it is known for its big impact on people's lives. SCS has a family feel and has helped many students grow in their relationship with Christ. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Many of the people who have gone to Shekinah live Christian lives that glorify Christ. Even though Shekinah may be small, it is a great place to send children.

It is true that Shekinah has only 158 students and 23 staff members. Shekinah is a smaller facility. It is not large at all, but from kindergarten through twelfth grade, everybody knows each other. Because everyone knows one another, SCS has a family feel. When students walk down the hallway, they see the little elementary kids talking to the big upperclassmen. High school students can serve as student teacher's aides. This helps high school students to grow better relationships with their teachers and with younger students. All of the teachers at Shekinah really care about their students and want the best for them. The teachers here are always willing to help their students when they need it and almost always have smiles on their faces. Although Shekinah is quite small, it still has a family feel to it, which makes Shekinah a great school to attend.

Even though Shekinah is a smaller school and might not have many extracurriculars, the extracurriculars offered here are very well taught and enjoyable. In Shekinah's art class, students have the opportunity to learn how to use many different art mediums. Students use paint, colored pencil, drawing pencils, and ink! The art teacher, Mrs. Groh, teaches students how to draw like a professional artist. It doesn't matter how students started their art career, she makes sure they reach their full potential. SCS also offers music classes. Every other year the school offers a musical which is taught after school. Shekinah musicals are always excellent quality! Our music director, Mr. Bechtol, has also started a band here at Shekinah. While some band classes may be a little bit rough, by the end of the year the students will be in perfect harmony. Shekinah

also has some sports programs. These include, golf, volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball. This year Shekinah's volleyball team made it to the district semifinals and the basketball team to district finals. Some of the coaches here at SCS have also received OHSAA coaches' awards. While Shekinah may be small, the extracurriculars are very enjoyable. This is another of many reasons why Shekinah is a great school.

Furthermore, Shekinah is very spiritually based. Each and every class helps the students grow in their relationship with Christ. Most of the classes start out with a prayer. Students are encouraged daily to glorify and worship Christ. Every week students are asked to memorize two verses. On Wednesday mornings, students gather for chapel, worshiping and hearing a short sermon given by that week's speaker. On Thursdays, the high school students participate in discussion groups. In discussion groups, students have the opportunity to grow in their relationships with Christ and learn more about their fellow classmates. On Thursday mornings, the upperclassmen lead Bible Study groups. On Tuesday, a prayer group gathers to pray over the school. Shekinah is very spiritual based, another of many reasons why Shekinah is a great school.

Even though Shekinah may be small, it is a great school to go to. Shekinah Christian School has a family feel between teachers and students. All of the teachers truly care about their students and want to help them grow in their faith. All teachers try their best to help students grow, not only academically, but also spiritually. Though Shekinah may be small, the extra-curriculars are excellent and most students truly enjoy learning about such things. Moreover, Shekinah sports teams often beat schools bigger than us. Even though SCS is a small school, the impact it leaves is huge.

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*Essay written for an assignment in Mrs. Schrader's English II class by Maggie L.

Third Quarter Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Alex B., Allison B., Eleya B., Haylee B., Regaan B.
 Reddington B., Sophia B., Tanner B., Trevor B.
 Maci C., Gaetano C., Kinzley C. Lindsey C.
 Abigail D., Isaiah D., Raphael D., Brayden D.
 Noah D., Rachel E., Grace F., Caleb G., Benjamin G.
 David G., Roxie G., Josie H., Austin H. Chloe H.
 Riley H., Taylor H., Eleanor H., Olivia H. Max K.
 Elaina K., Judah K., Landon L., Liam L., Ruby M.
 Lydia M., Margo M., Avery M., Camden M.
 Carter M., David M., Jadon M., Josiah M., Judah M.
 Gabi N., Jacob N., Chelby O., Jacoby O., Mia P.
 Peyton P., Quintin P., Owen R. Brody S., Kade S.
 Kylie S., AnaSophia S., Kenna S., Alinea S.
 Lydia S., Tabitha S., Samuel S., Finley S.
 Noelia W., Jayce Y., Hannah Y.

Merit Honor Roll

Adam B., Karter B., Kaylen B., Hailey C., Joshua C.
 Maddux C., Zachary D., Jaden D., Cara D., Cecilia E.
 Rebecca E., Anna G., Rebecca G., Ruby G., Chloe G.
 Dean H., Ethan H., Graci H., Hope H., Brantley H.
 Carter H., Mary H., Logan H., Marly J. Maggie L.
 Emma M., Andrew M., Elise M., Michael M. Shiloh M
 Hope M., Dominick N., Riann P., Maverick P.
 Emmerson S., Isaac S., Nava S., Hannah S., Harper S.
 Selah S., Rayah T., Sianna T., Benjamin W.
 Eliana W., Cassidy W., A.J. Y., Elijah Y.

Basketball Awards

Congratulations!

DISTRICT 10

AWARDS:

Player of the Year

Alex Bauermeister

D2/D3/D4 Super Team

Alex Bauermeister

Central District D 4

(Media)

1st Team All-District:

Alex Bauermeister

Honorable Mention:

Elijah Yutzy

All MOCAL

1st Team:

Alex Bauermeister

Elijah Yutzy

Honorable Mention:

Riley Helmuth

Austin Helmuth

All-Madison County

Alex Bauermeister



Congratulations to the 2024 Varsity Boys' Basketball team! Their average GPA places them in the top five across Ohio, and they have been awarded the OHSBCA Academic Team Award!

DISTRICT 10

AWARDS:

Senior All-Star Team

Alinea Slabaugh

Central District D 4

(Media)

2nd Team All-District:

Haylee Beachy

Honorable Mention:

Noelia Wanty

All MOCAL

1st Team

Haylee Beachy

Honorable Mention:

Alinea Slabaugh

Noelia Wanty

All-Madison County

Haylee Beachy

Alumni, you are important to us!

It's always a good day when we hear from an alumnus. We want your news. Please email us at publications@shekinahchristian.org with your births and wedding announcements, or any other significant news. If you have recently moved or changed your email address, please send us an update. Thanks for staying in touch!

Mark your calendars.....

March

25-4/1—SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL

April

2—Classes Resume

8—NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKDAY

9-12—Enrichment Week (Delayed start 1 hour)

19-21—Lion King JR. Musical

23-25—Achievement Tests

26—Jr/Sr Banquet

Winner of the February Challenge



14 people found all 13 of the heart emojis hidden in the February issue. The person who won the drawing for a \$10 gift card to The Red Hen was Riley Helmuth.

Congratulations, Riley!



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Yutzy's Farm Market

SILVER

ER Autocare, Integrity Door Sales

Lyon & Sons Body Shop

Purdy Farms; Rocky Mountain Coffee Co.

Rosedale Bible College, Smiles to Love

BRONZE

Yutzy Pastures

March Challenge

In the history of Shekinah basketball, which team had the longest winning streak before this year? Text the year and number of wins to 614-873-3143 to be entered in a drawing for a \$10 gift card to Chick-fil-A

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