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*And we all, who with unveiled
faces contemplate the Lord's
glory, are being transformed
into his image with
ever-increasing glory, which
comes from the Lord, who is
the Spirit.*

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Happy Thanksgiving!

This month has been an exciting month for many grades with many different field trips, science projects, and Shakespeare skits! Students were gearing up for the cold with the first snow day of the year on Monday, November 10! The fall sports teams have come to a close on their seasons and celebrated with an awards night on November 17. With Thanksgiving coming soon, there is much to be grateful for thus far into the school year, from the new modulars to the staff, the entire student body, parents, and alumni as well. We pray these next few months will bring much glory to God and further the spiritual and academic lives of each and every student.



Principal's Perspective:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"

(1 Chronicles 16:34)



K-8 Principal
Mrs. Jennifer Clark

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to the Lord and for the incredible people who make our school community so special. I am grateful for Dr. Luttrull, whose leadership and dedication continue to support our shared mission. I am equally grateful for our dedicated teachers, support staff, and coaches who pour their hearts into ensuring that every student feels seen, supported, and challenged each day. To our amazing students, thank you for your hard work, your resilience, and the joy you bring to our school. To our wonderful Shekinah families, your partnership, encouragement, and trust mean more than words can express.

This fall has been filled with meaningful milestones and encouraging affirmation for our school community. First, we are thrilled to share that our Elementary Buildings A and B are finally complete, and our K-5 teachers and students are enjoying their newfound space and beautiful views. These classrooms have quickly become places filled with learning, prayer, laughter, and a deep sense of family.

One of my greatest daily joys is greeting our elementary students each morning. I am truly thankful for their bright smiles, enthusiastic high fives, and warm hugs—they start each day with such joy and remind me why our mission matters. I also want to give special appreciation to Mrs. Raines, who manages our elementary office with such grace and joy. Our students dearly love her, and I truly don't know what I would do without her steady presence and servant's heart. We are blessed to have her as part of our Shekinah

family.



Next, our recent ACSI visit was both fruitful and inspiring. The preparation leading up to our ACSI visit was immense, but through it all, God was faithful and truly delivered. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the parents, students, staff, and board who graciously met with committee members to share Shekinah's strengths and offer thoughtful suggestions for growth and improvement. Your honesty, partnership, and commitment to our school made a meaningful impact, and we are deeply grateful for the way our community came together during this important

process. The ACSI team highlighted several of our core strengths—including our commitment to spiritual development and discipleship, intentional biblical worldview integration, our strong family culture and hopeful outlook, and our Christlike school culture and respectful students. As we move forward, ACSI also provided us with thoughtful areas of improvement. These recommendations will help us refine our practices and continue to strengthen the educational and spiritual growth of our students. We are grateful for their insight and look forward to implementing these strategies with purpose.

Also, students in grades K-8 completed the MAP Growth assessments in reading and math. Before Thanksgiving Break, parents will receive a Family Report, which outlines their child's RIT score and percentile in tested subjects. More importantly, the report includes a projected growth trend line showing where a child is expected to be by the end of the school year. This insight helps families and teachers partner together to support each student's progress and growth. I am deeply grateful for the dedication and hard work of our teachers, who are thoughtfully preparing lessons and designing learning experiences to help each student reach their projected growth scores. Their commitment, creativity, and care ensure that our students are supported academically, socially, and spiritually every day.



Thank you again for your dedication to Shekinah. Please know how deeply I appreciate each of you. Together, we are building a community rooted in Christ, kindness, growth, and shared purpose.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and blessed Thanksgiving season.

Secondary Chapel



Jordan Smith

On Wednesday, November 5th, **Jordan Smith** was the secondary's chapel speaker. He spoke a profound message on the power that our tongues hold. He spoke about Acts 2, which is the account of the Holy Spirit coming down in flaming tongues. He used this to elaborate that our tongue (the words we speak) should be lit by the Holy Spirit and trace back to the Spirit's fruit, and that only through Christ can the tongue be tamed.

On Wednesday, November 12th, **Jeremy Miller** spoke to both the elementary and secondary students in chapel. He began his message with a story about a hiker who was stranded in a desperate and life-risking situation. He went off this story, and his main topic was about how desperate people get God's attention. To end the message, he made an invitation to all those struggling with different battles and he prayed over the student body.



Jeremy Miller

On Wednesday, November 19th, **Cory Dicarro** came to speak to the secondary on the topic of "introductions." He asked the question, "How do you want to be known?" He went to the book of Acts, chapter 4, and talked about the passage of Peter and John before the Sanhedrin. Peter is recognized for his boldness. He had three major points:

1. God uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary.
2. Boldness is not fearless; it's obeying God's calling despite your fear.
3. Proximity to Jesus changes everything.

His message was both impactful and applicable.



Cory Dicarro

Elementary Chapel



Donna Masula

On Wednesday, November 5th, **Donna Masula** had the elementary chapel play the game "Dice of Fortune"! The kindergarten class each held a paper letter and faced the wall. As the dice was rolled, each grade got to guess a letter. If one of the kindergarteners was holding that letter, they turned around and held the letter up. It wasn't long before the whole group could guess what the word was. THANKFULNESS!

Donna had all the students turn to Luke 17:11 (Jesus and the 10 Lepers) When this group of lepers saw Jesus walking by, they cried out for help and healing. Jesus turned to them and told them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they walked, they were healed. Only 1 leper returned to Jesus to thank him. She pointed out that many times thankfulness is a choice that we must consciously make. She asked the kids if they were people of "Gratitude or Attitude".

Farewell Mrs. Lyon



As many may be aware, our beloved Mrs. Lyon is ending her chapter here at Shekinah. After two and a half years of dedicating her time and efforts to the school, she has decided to move on and pursue a new direction. We are beyond grateful for the heart she has poured into the students and staff during her time at Shekinah, and the countless hours she spent on office work. Not only did she take care of Ed-Choice documentation, she has been a favorite mentor of student mentoring groups. We love you and thank you for all you've done to impact all of us here at school! Thank you Mrs. Lyon.



SHAKESPEARE'S Romeo and Juliet



Following tradition in Mrs. Schrader's English class, the freshman class spent a unit studying Shakespeare. They read Romeo and Juliet in class and acted out scenes as they read the story of two lovers, each from different families. Their love and union were forbidden by their families. This story is filled with sword fights, love, sacrifice, and ends with two devastating deaths. - "Here's to my love. O true apothecary, Thy drugs are quick. Thus with a kiss I die." The class enjoyed reading this story, When the class finished the story, they were split up into small groups and assigned a specific scene to practice. They memorized scripts, got their own costumes, and got creative with props. In late October, each group got ready and dramatically performed a scene from the story for the class. It was a lot of fun for those involved!

Sports Spotlight

Volleyball



The girls varsity volleyball team finished their season out strong! The team advanced all the way to regional semi-finals where they fought hard but fell short in the end. The girls had a great season all around and accomplished a lot of achievements as a team! When

senior, Haylee Beachy, was asked about the season this is what she said: “Our team played their best when we had these three things, encouragement, energy, and most importantly playing to glorify God!”

Basketball



Basketball season has officially begun for all of the Shekinah basketball teams! All of the teams from junior high to high school are practicing and working hard, anticipating their upcoming games. All of the high school teams have had their first scrimmages. The boys JV/Varsity team have scrimmaged Horizon Science Academy, Millersport, Northwestern, and Mechanicsburg High School. The girls JV/Varsity team has had scrimmages with Triad High School, Worthington Christian, and a tri-match at Jonathan Alder. Within the next few weeks all of the teams will have their games of the season.

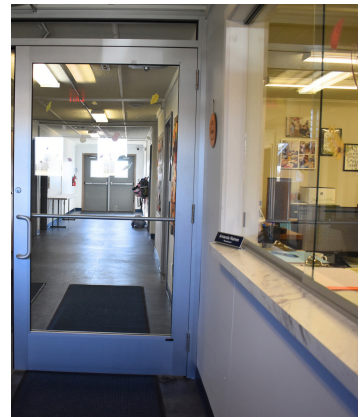
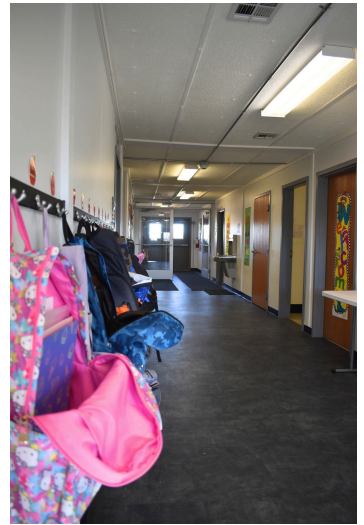
Go Flames!

Moving into new seasons and spaces!



The Lord has provided greatly in our Elementary Modular buildings! It has been quite a season of inspections, construction, patience, and flexibility! Now that we're stepping into a season focused on giving thanks, we are able to step back and see how God has taken care of every single detail. We are blessed with students and staff who have been willing to help move classrooms, clean up and organize during the moving process. We are blessed with a staff team who have cooperated and helped bear the weight as we waited and prepared.

Now we can celebrate having new classrooms for our Elementary students and staff! We can celebrate safe and secure places to learn, celebrate teamwork and the ability to move forward with Shekinah Christian School! God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good. Thank you so much to all who have worked hard in prayer, support and working hands and feet!



2025 Fall Sports Awards

Monday, November 18



Golf Awards

Flame: Jayce Y

Most Improved: Jacob G

Coaches: Camden M

MVP: Ethan H



Volleyball Awards

JH A Team

Flame: Kenna S

Most Improved: Kenzie P

Coaches: Elise M

JV

Flame: Chloe G

Most Improved: Emma K

Coaches: Rachel E

MVP: Rebecca E

Varsity

Flame: Haylee B

Most Improved: Kylie S

Coaches: Eleyna B

MVP: Marly J

JH B Team

Flame: Mary H

Most Improved: Shiloh M

Coaches: Kaelynn K

MOCAL

Player of the Year: Nava S

All-MOCAL:

Eleyna B, Marly J, Nava S

Honorable Mention:

Haylee B, Graci H.

Central District

Player of the Year: Nava S

1st Team:

Eleyna B, Marly J, Nava S

2nd Team: Haylee B

Honorable Mention: Graci H

Central District Coach of the Year:

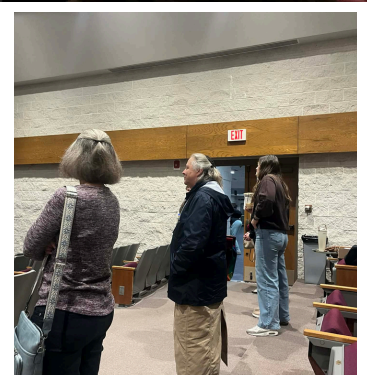
Katelyn (Byars) Beachy 'o6

High School Choir and Band Visit MVNU



Friday, November 21, 2025

Thirty-nine students in Shekinah's high school choir and band, accompanied by eight adults, visited the Mount Vernon Nazarene University campus. The chapel program was a presentation of excerpts from Handel's Messiah by MVNU's Department of Music. Chapel was followed by lunch in the cafeteria and a campus tour. Thank you to MVNU admissions for their hospitality and to high school music instructor, Mrs. Abbey Bechtol, who planned this trip to her alma mater. Mrs. Bechtol is a 2020 graduate of MVNU. It was good to see Shekinah graduates on the MVNU campus!



FANS AND FLAMES!



CONGRATS TO BEN HERSBERGER '19
FOR WINNING THE "HALF-COURT SHOT"
CONTEST! ENJOY YOUR TURKEY!

November 21st was a fun way to end the school week before Thanksgiving!

Our Fans and Flames event invites our SCS community to meet our basketball teams.

Throughout the evening, we had contests, prizes, great food and got all hyped up for basketball season!

The last part of the event, we had SCS alumni games. It was a lot of nostalgic fun to see former Flames play basketball together again!

We are so thankful for a strong alumni community and for the new teams stepping up to the center court! Go Flames!



First Quarter Honor Roll Grades 2-12



A Honor Roll

Eleya B., Haylee B., Reagan B., Reddington B., Maci C., Gaetano C., Gino C., Jaxon C., Tatum C. Lindsey C, Benjamin C., Jakob C., Abigail D., Isaiah D., Azariah D., Benaiah D., Rachel E., Blayden F. Anna G., David G., Ava H., Zane H., Austin H., Chloe H., Titus H, Ellie H., Moriah H., Olivia H. Quinn K., Elaina K., Judah K., Jude L., Cade L., Liam L., Lydia M., Aubrey M., Andrew M., Bryce M. Carter M., Elise M., Josiah M., Ryker M., Leah N., Dominick N., Shauna N., Jacoby O., Kenzie P. Preston P., Quintin P., Owen R., Huntlyr-Elaine R., Brody S., Kade S., AnaSophia S., Nava S. Hannah S., Lydia S., Samuel S., Finley S., Maci T., Mathias V., Eliana W., Noelia W., Alexavier W., Chase Y., Nancy Y., William Y., Hannah Y.

A/B Honor Roll

Daisy A., Edward B., Adam B., Ember B., Quinn B., Sophia B., Tanner B., Trevor B., Ava B., Aria B., William B., Paighton C., Joshua C., Miriam C., Elise C., Henry C., Kade C., Raphael D. Zachary D., Jaden D., Rebecca E., Malina F., Benjamin G., Chloe G., Drew H., Grayson H. Isabella H., Hope H., Mary H., Logan H., Evelina H., Maverick H., Ariel I., Emlyn M., Avery M. David M., Judah M., Michael M., Hope M., Logan N., Aiden N., Chelby O., Brody P., Theodore R. Emmersyn S., Kenna S., Luciana S., Olivia S., Tabitha S., Selah S., Gwendolyn S., Mira S. Darlene S., Siana T., Kailyn T., Laina T., Ben W., A.J. Y, Jayce Y.

Attention Alumni!

We'd love to hear from you. Please send updates about your lives to Ishetler@shekinahchristian.org. Tell us about births, weddings, new jobs, promotions, ministry opportunities, or anything else you'd like to share. We look forward to your responses!

Future Flames?



Alumni News and Notes

Births

Chris and Tricia (Brady) **Hutson '02**; Maddox Peter James born May 28, 2025; second child, second son.

Joe and **Brittany (Miller) Lozier '05**; Sophia Louise born August 15, 2025; second child, second daughter.

James and **Shaina (Harmon) Salzer x14 faculty '18-'20** Lemula "Lemmie" Larie born October 18, 2025; second child, first daughter.

Jaron and **Bridget (Troyer) Brust '13**; Miley Marie born October 23, 2025 second child, second daughter.

Mark Your Calendars.....

November

24-28-Thanksgiving Break

December

1—Classes resume

5—PreACT

12—Christmas Arts Celebration 7-8pm

17-18—No Exams! Full School Days

19—12:30 Dismissal

20-Jan 5—Christmas Break

Answer to November Challenge

In C.S. Lewis' the Last Battle, what are the names of the scheming donkey and ape? **Answer: Shift and Puzzle!**

Congrats to: Gwen Stevens and her mentor group for finding the answer!

December Challenge:



Can you guess the staff member from their baby picture?

Text: 606-568-6156 if you think you've got the answer!

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