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51 students from The Oaks' High School Choir traveled to Dallas, Texas, this summer as part of the inaugural Honor Choir at the ACCS National Conference. God graciously provided the means for this trip through the generosity of New Saint Andrews College,

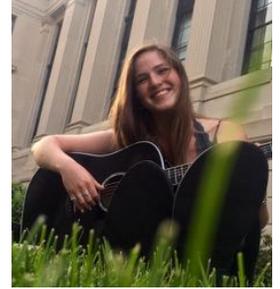
members of the Spokane community, and individuals from The Oaks who have sought to make the trip possible. To all who contributed to making this trip a reality, thank you! Stay tuned for an update from The Oaks' High School Choir trip to Texas.

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is open. We look forward to welcoming the new families who will be a part of The Oaks, and we pray that they will be blessed to be a part of this

community.

Alumni Spotlight

Hannah Siglin ('15) recently completed her junior year at Berklee College of Music at their alternative campus in Valencia, Spain, taking courses in Spanish music and history. She ended her stay with a historic hike on the Portuguese Camino de Santiago, a 149-mile trail that Catholic pilgrims have traveled on for centuries. A classically-trained guitarist and songwriting major, Hannah is looking forward to her senior year and one-on-one songwriting mentorship from her college professors in Boston. Her debut album is coming this winter, but you don't have to wait until then to hear Hannah play. Come see Hannah perform at The Rocket Market in Spokane on June 19th!



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Ripe fruit is exciting. It comes after a lot of work and waiting. It is enjoyable, refreshing, and, in my opinion, almost makes farming worth it. A farmer or gardener's best techniques, combined with sunlight and water, produce the strawberries of June that drip red juice down our chins and stir awe of God in our hearts.

Paul takes up this farming metaphor to explain Christian ministry: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). What I love about working at The Oaks is seeing God give the increase in the course of a school year. As the 2017-18 school year concluded, we saw ripened fruit and the beauty of bountiful harvest.

This year yielded a crop not simply of knowledge—math, science, literature, history, Bible, and the rest—but a crop of wisdom, work ethic, and delight, all through patient cultivation and the work of the Spirit in the

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hearts of our staff and students. Parents parented, teachers taught, staff served, students studied, and God gave the increase. The weeds of sin can stifle or slow the increase, and it is through loving discipline and forgiveness that the weeds of sin are uprooted. One young man this year demonstrated fruit in a particularly beautiful way. After several years of parents and teachers pulling the weeds of his heart, this young man learned to heed. He began practicing the self-denying work of listening and doing what was asked of him.

Not only is this practice the root of a true love of learning, it is also at the heart of the Gospel, as God-ward focus replaces the self-bent focus of the heart. It is the result of Great Commission gardening: parents parent, teachers teach, staff serve, students study, all for the purpose of making disciples for the glory of God. Please join me in giving thanks to the Lord for the fruit He gave us and for His work in and among us this school year. I am so thankful for the many members of this community who pull together in reliance on the Lord, working and waiting patiently together for the increase that only He can give. May He be glorified!

- *Charlie Dowers, Headmaster*

Academics

The Battle of Trafalgar, William Wilberforce, the invention of the sandwich, and more made the Napoleonic Era (1789-1815) come alive for students in 7th-12th grades during History Emphasis Days. This year, students were divided into teams to prepare competition pieces including poetry, argumentative essays, art, dance, and hot-air balloon construction. Thank you to the faculty who led different sessions this year, and special thanks to guest lecturers Dr. Bruce Gore, Dr. Patrick Van Inwegen, and Dr. Steve Balzarini.



To celebrate the completion of the Grammar Stage, the sixth grade class had a formal luncheon to recognize their promotion.

Teachers Gary Woodroof and Stacey Miller honored each student with some words of encouragement as Mr. McEachran, Head of the Grammar School, gave them their promotion medal. Equipped now with the facts and rules of each

subject, the sixth graders are prepared to receive the tools of Logic that will help them organize the information they have gained in their years as student in the Grammar Stage. Well done, sixth graders!



Campus

Students in the Grammar School diligently worked at hiding God's Word in their hearts through the memorization of Proverbs. Over the course of the year, a collective 280 chapters of Proverbs were memorized in 1st through 6th grades. Each grade level is given the challenge to memorize two new chapters in Proverbs over the course of the year in addition to

their other memory and coursework, shoring up for them a well of wisdom from which we pray they draw as they grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Students in grades K-6th arrived at school for Geography Day dressed for adventure; canteens, binoculars, cargo pants and more were the uniform for the day as students in the Grammar School experienced the seven continents in seven different classrooms. The sophomore geography class acted as tour guides for the younger students as they traveled the globe, highlighting the magnificent landmarks that can be found on each continent. From Egypt's pyramids to Antarctica's icebergs, the students were reminded that the glory of these manmade things pales in comparison to the One who gave them the



ability to build or create in the first place, for "He is before all things, and in Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17).

Staff Spotlight

At the beginning of May, the fourth grade class celebrated their studies of the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation with the annual Medieval Banquet. Donning the garb of medieval lords and ladies, knights, friars, and vikings, the fourth grade class followed the lead of Mr. Colin Williams (pictured below, between Mr. McEachran and Mr. Welch) as he guided them through a selection of dances, speeches, and songs fitting to that era. This is Mr. Williams's fourth year teaching fourth grade at The Oaks, so



donning the viking hat is no foreign concept to him. More than leading his students through Medieval History, Mr. Williams loves "leading [his] students into what it means to follow Jesus with unforced desire and joyful submission," a passion that is evident as he teaches. "He always makes class fun," said fourth grader Jordan Kapelac. When not teaching, Mr. Williams enjoys time spent with his family, running in the hills behind Liberty Lake, playing basketball, or watching football. "He plays with us at recess too," commented Isaac Ott (4th grade). Thank you, Mr. Williams, for your joy and service at The Oaks!



Student Life

The Oaks' Spring Theatre Production of Annie drew people of all ages for an unforgettable and delightful evening of entertainment. *Annie* was the seventh musical The Oaks has produced under the artistic and enthusiastic eye of director Teri Woodroof, whose joy in directing is contagious to the students. "Mrs. Woodroof makes the whole thing so fun," said fifth grader Sarah Love, who played the part of Annie. These sentiments were echoed by many other members of the cast who expressed deep gratitude to Mrs. Woodroof and her team for all they poured into this production. To all the parents, students, and faculty involved, thank you for sharing your gifts with us joyfully and faithfully!



Psalm 145 speaks of one generation declaring the works of God to another, which is exactly what happened this Grandparents Day.

Students in grades K-6th shared the works of God with their grandparents through the chants, songs, and poetry they've learned over the course of the year. The half-day celebration ended with a special Cantabile with all the students and their grandparents, a beautiful culmination to a favorite day of the school year.

