

New Students Come From Near and Far

here are they all coming from?" That's the first question that leapt to mind when it became apparent that Logos would welcome about 90 new students this school year. (Prior to this, the school averaged 30 to 40 new students; the previous high was 50.) The short answer: everywhere.

Of the new students, about one-third moved to the area recently (including five new Korean students), one-third are from current Logos families and alumni, and one-third are from local families seeking a Christian school that fit their requirements. Below is a brief account of what caused three of these families to place their children into a small classical Christian school in Moscow, Idaho.

Roger and Mary Dye and their three girls live 12 miles





Megan, Krista, Roger, and Emilie Dye with their "school bus."

northeast of Pomeroy; 78 miles from Logos. Almost every day until November, Roger flew his girls from their farm's airstrip to the Pullman-Moscow Airport (a 12-minute flight), then they drove the rest of the way to Logos -30 minutes total. However, when the weather is bad or there are other conflicts, Mary, Roger or a neighbor drives - an hour and 40 minute trip, one-way. Mary usually drops the girls off and heads home, but sometimes she stays in the area.

The Dyes are no strangers to the open road. For four years, they drove one-hour each way to Lewiston's Cornerstone Christian School. But Cornerstone is a K-8 school; and the Dyes knew they wouldn't put their girls in public school again.

Mary had heard that Logos was a richly educational environment for the mind, body and spirit. "What continually amazes me about Logos is it is better than I imagined," she said. "One of the neat things about Logos is it has such clear boundaries." Emilie is in ninth grade; Megan and Krista joined the sixth grade class.

How Do You Give What You Don't Have?

E very once in a while it strikes me...I've been at Logos longer than any student and yet I never have and never will graduate from here! Also every once in a while, a student (usually in high school) will realize that lack in my life and bring it to my attention, with great glee. Then, should I reveal to this upstart my pathetic educational background, he or she tends to feel a whole lot better about the B- on the latest calculus test. How that knowledge affects the student's opinion of my qualifications to administrate this school ofpause, especially in light of what we've attempted to do at Logos (i.e. teach students). I thought that He meant the student (or disciple) would never exceed the works, knowledge, and wisdom of his teacher. If that were really the case, then all instruction would be doomed to spiral downward in its benefit to succeeding generations. But our Lord also told His disciples that *they* (fishermen, zealots, tax collectors, and other 'uneducated' lowlifes) would do "greater" works than He did (John 14:12)! Greater than the works that Christ did? How can

ten (but not always) remains unspoken.

But this very issue of the lack of qualifications came up very often and with profound concern in the earliest days of the formation and annual conferences of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS). It was one of the top issues in our earliest conferences, when Logos provided most, if not all, of the work-

shops and plenary sessions. I heard from many folks who, after getting a vision for what classical, biblically-based education could be, expressed real dismay at the seeming paradox of trying to provide what they never received.

I understood their quandary. Consider our own history: Out of the four founding board members of Logos School, only Doug Wilson had any background in classical studies; we did not all have bachelor's degrees; my own degree (from the University of Idaho) was a BFA (Fine Arts), with a minor in history and education; only one of us had a child older than 8; none of us had any experience serving on any kind of school board, or any classroom teaching experience, not to mention running a school; our first and only introduction to the idea of teaching the Trivium came from a short article by an English author (Dorothy Sayers) that I knew only from her mystery novels and Doug happened to recall from reading the article while in the Navy. Such, and more, characterized the 'qualifications' of the original, founding board of Logos School.

So, if a poorer readiness on the part of adults seeking to build an outstanding classical, Christian school can be found, I haven't met it. Really.

With all that incredible lack of preparation in knowledge and experience, how do we answer the original question: "How do you give what you haven't been given?" The simple answer is: by being obedient to your calling, not looking at your lack, but looking to your Lord to fill up that lack. G.K. Chesterton put it more bluntly: "Anything worth doing is worth doing badly."

The words of our Lord (center) used to give me considerable

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"The student is not above his teacher; but every one when he is perfected shall be as his teacher. Luke 6:40 that be? Again, simply put, because that's how God likes to work — Scripture is loaded with God using the most worthless people and things (even donkeys and worms) to bring glory to Himself. And by being used by the Creator, those "worthless" people become the channels of very worthwhile works God blesses.

Our job in starting or build-

ing classical, Christian schools is not to first gather the wise and experienced of this world, but rather to just obey His calling and study His Word. I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't believe, down to my bones, that this is what He's called me to do. I know *that*, even if I don't know *why* He chose to do so. But that's His concern, not mine. That is the same message I tell other folks in ACCS and other venues in this renaissance of effectively educating the next generation in the Word of God. A wonderful 'side-effect', if you will, of this kind of obedience and faithful adherence to our calling is that we, along with the students, grow in our understanding of God's world and work. I date my best education beginning *after* I started working at Logos.

Does that mean, as we look to the future, that we only want inexperienced or clueless people to shape a school like Logos for the next generation? No. If our students truly 'become like their teacher,' a significant characteristic of their teachers, and founding board members, has been a trust in and a love of the Lord God and His Word. May that characterize all our students, all our children, as well. Thereby, they will do greater works than we have done.

And someday, I personally hope, Logos School will indeed be led and governed largely by people who have graduated from here!

Blessings and Merry Christmas!

VERY

Love Covers a Multitude of Sins in *The Ideal Husband*

By Autumn Pratt Photos by Michael Kwan

The crisis was over. Against all hope his wife, the woman who demanded perfection, still loved him, had returned to him. He tilted her back for a "kiss." Thunk!

"She wasn't holding on!" Brian Stanton (the ideal husband) protested. Rachel Lawyer got up off the stage, looking a little winded.

It had been a long practice. You could count the days until opening night on your fingers. The big question was in all of our minds: Could we really pull this together?

The play was a curveball for many of the actors; it had a small cast and very serious themes. Compared to previous comedies or last year's lighthearted *Sound of Music* the change was drastic. A successful British politician (played by Brian Stanton) has to face up to a long buried crime when he is blackmailed by the treacherously beauti-

ful Mrs. Chevely (played by Kira Langworthy, who would like everyone to know she really isn't *that* evil.) Brian's character is further troubled because his wife (Rachel Lawyer) views him as her ideal and will cease to love him once she sees the man behind the mask. Their mutual friend, Lord Goring



Ben Perley as Lord Goring with disappointed father David Johnson.



Rachel Lawyer, Brian Stanton, David Johnson, Ben Perley and Bekka Hoeft.

(Ben Perley), teaches them what love and trust really mean, while trying to work up the courage to propose to Mabel (Bekka Hoeft).

Despite complications the performances went well. Things came together, sometimes at the last minute. The stage crew lurched at first but was soon a (fairly) welloiled machine under Morgan Schlect and Allison Gray, the patient stage managers.

Ben and Bekka pulled off being in love, and Brian really sounded heartbroken when Rachel left him. Kira heroically slapped Ben, even with a broken finger from volleyball. Naomi Gray, the comic relief, did a terrific job of eating. In the end it came to a happy end, down to the last "kiss," where, presumably, Rachel held on. A lot of teamwork made the production a success. As the characters in the play learned, love covers a multitude of sins. Thanks to everyone who put in time to help, and everyone who came to watch. Thanks especially to our wonderful director Mr. Garfield, and to the people who brought us food backstage.



The amusing Naomi Gray and "evil" Kira Langworthy almost stole the show.



Future Bright for Logos Cross Country Team



Freshman Paul Ryan leads the pack with freshman Jonny Handel close behind in the Lewiston meet.



By Will Isenberg

ou have to run hard, you have to run fast, or you won't do well in the meets," said junior Brian Stanton. The Knights' cross country team did just that, often beating much larger schools.

This pleased Coach Allison Ryan. "I'm so proud of you guys!" she told the runners frequently.

The team was afflicted with multiple injuries. Yet, it was one of the largest in Logos history, and consistently performed very well during the nine-meet season. Freshmen runners Paul Ryan and Jonny Handel placed in the top five in every race but one. Paul also broke the Bullpup Invitational freshman course record.

Led by team captain Jeremiah Leidenfrost, the boys' team consisted of Brian Stanton, Paul Ryan, Jonny Handel, Levi Wintz, Daniel Postell, Jameson Evans, Marshall Sauter, Sage Pratt, and Will Isenberg. Representing the first Logos girls' team in a long time were Madison Schumaker, Autumn Pratt, Sarah Page, Hannah Lee, and Brook Schumaker.

Coach Tyler Anderson's junior high team won seven of its 10 meets this season. Led by team captain Josiah Anderson, the boys' team was composed of Everett Plotner, Preston Evans, Karsten Schumaker, Danny Bradley, Jackson Dickison, and Cole Brusven.

The only girl on the junior high team was Catherine Rheingans, but according to Coach Anderson, she "did an admirable job throughout the season, finishing all races in the top 20."

To prepare for the weekly meets, teammates ran early morning practices, often in rainy or chilly conditions. Their hard work paid off, along with Coach Ryan's encouragement. Great job, Knights, and Deo da gloriam!



Senior Autumn Pratt and freshman Brook Schumaker lead the Lady Knights in the Potlatch meet.

Lady Knights Win It All

By Jackie Nance

elieve it or not, the players listen to the cheers from the bleachers. The sound tumbles together into a continuous roar of encouragement that is behind every dig, every powered kill, every serve. It all mixes into the intense focus of volleyball, a focus that takes an entire season to build. The bruises and aching sides from months of early morning practices all boil down to a single minute in competition.

This year, the varsity team aced this self-discipline with a whole season of triumph. Without a single match lost, Logos topped it all off with the winning trophy at the league championship (Nov. 5).

This year's varsity team consisted of nine seniors and one vigorous junior: Lydia Ryan, Brooke Polek, Naomi Gray, Kenzie Evans, Bekka Hoeft, Jackie Nance, Heather Wilson, Maddie Schlect, Sierra Struble, and Allie Gray. Other juniors took on the double responsibility of V/JV swingers: Kira Langworthy, Morgan Schlect, and Abby Lundgren.

All of these girls built each other up in the midst of spectacular parallel-to-the-floor cross-court saves, exploding kills, and flying jump serves that all but intimidated the opposing teams. Jessica Evans, in her sixteenth year of coaching, supplied the Christian model of patience and strength that the team needed. She led these girls



Heather Wilson digs the ball while Maddie Schlect and Bekka Hoeft look on. (*Photo by Eric Engerbretson*)

throughout the season to brush off bad attitudes, laugh at stupid mistakes that really weren't funny in the first place, and push through to the end.

From her amazing inspirational speeches, the team learned that "good communication is not only talking well, but listening well." And before every match: "God gave every one of us our skills. Give it all you got, honor Him with everything you do, so that we can give it all back to Him."

Coach Abby Gray built up a mature junior varsity team this year. These girls had a successful season with a win/ loss record of 13-4, and will carry on for years to come: Lydia Nadreau, Kamilla Niska, Allie Wallace, Rosie Greenfield, Rosalyn Gray, Rebekah Kim, Ellie Kline, Lizzie Schlect, and Naomi Miller. Right on their heels is Coach Ashlynn Ruff's aspiring junior high team, which represented Logos soundly with a perfect season.

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yourself, your teammates, and the Lord. This season, we took everything we had and gave it all back to Him in the best way we could.

Thanks for all the hoots and whistles, fans. God used your support to bring these teams together!





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Senior Lydia Ryan sets for junior hitter Allison Gray. (Photo by Eric Engerbretson)



Bekka Hoeft attacks the net with Heather Wilson, Allison Gray and McKenzie Evans at the ready. (Photo by Dane Wilson)

Seventh through Ninth Intraschool Speech Meet Superior Awards

Notober 28, our students participated in the Logos Secondary Speech Meet. Students in seventh through ninth grade competed in six different categories: literary interpretation, poetry, duet acting, expository speaking, historical and literary speeches, and original oratory. The top performers in each category were recognized at an awards assembly that afternoon. Those students who received a superior rating are listed below. Well done students!

Poetry

Cole Brusven, Seventh Grade, Casey at the Bat Ethan Howell, Eighth Grade, Macavity, The Mystery Cat Everett Plotner, Eighth Grade, The Eve of Waterloo Josiah Anderson, Eighth Grade, Casey's Revenge Rozy Gray, Ninth Grade, Sleeping at the Foot of the Bed Isabella Minudri, Ninth Grade, The Walrus and the Carpenter Ruth Saunders, Ninth Grade, The Knight Whose Armor Didn't Squeak Levi Wintz, Ninth Grade, The Joy of Being Poor

Literary Interpretation

Noel Saunders, Seventh Grade, The Golden Arm Preston Evans, Seventh Grade, The Hobbit Annie Zasadny, Eighth Grade, Penrod Bronwyn Schumaker, Eighth Grade, O Ye Jigs and Juleps! Emily Littlejohn, Eighth Grade, Phantom Tollbooth Rebekah Kim, Ninth Grade, Spring Hiatus: Butterfly Lies

Duet Acting

Sofia Minudri & Summer Stokes, Eighth Grade, Pride and Prejudice Elly Kline & Naomi Miller, Ninth Grade, Crimewave at Blandings

Secondary First Quarter Honor Roll

SUMMA CUM LAUDE 4.0

SEVENTH GRADE Preston Evans

EIGHTH GRADE Josiah Anderson Daniel Bradley Sonya Isenberg Emily Littlejohn Sofia Minudri Summer Stokes

SEVENTH GRADE Jackson Dickison Abigail Euhus Andrew Handel Knox Merkle Regan Meyer Noel Saunders Nathan Sauter Moriah Struble Miles Whitling

EIGHT GRADE Kelsie Elmore Rachel Michaels Sarah Miller Jonathan Morris Bronwyn Schumaker Emma Story Cotton Whitling

Annie Zasadny

SEVENTH GRADE Cole Brusven

NINTH GRADE Lauren Flack Rosalyn Gray Paul Ryan Ruth Saunders **NINTH GRADE** Sheridan Howell Rebekah Kim

TENTH GRADE Sean "Stuart" Evans Trevor Morse

ELEVENTH GRADE Abby Lundgren Autumn Pratt Morgan Schlect

Natalie Williams

TWELFTH GRADE Willem Isenberg Gavin Meyer Jacqueline Nance Madeline Schlect

MAGNA CUM LAUDE 3.70-3.99

NINTH GRADE Martha Bowman Joel Courtney Jameson Evans Jonathan Handel Ayomipo Kayode-Popoola Elaine Kline Smith Leithart Naomi Miller Isabella Minudri Hannah Roberts Kristina Roberts Elizabeth Schlect Brooklyn Schumaker Priscilla Urquidez

TENTH GRADE Eric Jones Heiland Michaels Shane Stokes

CUM LAUDE 3.5-3.69

TENTH GRADE D'Artagnan Carroll Lydia Nadreau Jonathan Nance Kamilla Niska Samuel Skiles Claire Zasadny

ELEVENTH GRADE Nathaniel Jeschke Marshall Sauter Brian Stanton Nicholas VanNuland

ELEVENTH GRADE

Clara Bowman Kyle Flack Allison Gray Peter Handel Kira Langworthy Madison Schumaker Jackson Spencer

TWELFTH GRADE

McKenzie Evans Sarah Michaels Matthew Miller Benjamin Perley Lydia Ryan Sierra Struble Josiah Whitling Heather Wilson

TWELFTH GRADE

Naomi Gray Jacob Kline Rachel Lawyer Brooke Polek Josiah Rosendahl Luke Shaw

Third Grade Visits Mrs. Jordan's Bison Ranch



Elementary Interschool Speech Meet SuperiorAwards

n October 19, the students participated in the Logos Elementary Speech Meet. Students in first through sixth grade memorized poems, scripture passages, historic & literary orations, and fables to be performed in front of their peers and a panel of three judges.

The top two superior scores per grade in each category qualified to compete in the Interschool Speech Meet on November 4. The meet was hosted by the Oaks, a classical Christian school in Spokane, Wash.

The day came together very well, and fellowship amongst the different schools was a delight. Logos was swimmingly represented by our first through sixth graders. Below are the superior award winners from the Interschool Speech Meet. Well done students!

Bible Memory

Luke Hughes, First Grade, Isaiah 6:1-5 Roman Nuttborck, Second Grade, Judges 16:23-30 Jonah Grieser, Fourth Grade, Exodus 3:1-15 Jake Hughes, Fourth Grade, 2 Cornithians 5:12-21 Shania Hughes, Fifth Grade, Esther 7 Zoie Yager, Fifth Grade, Luke 24

Fable/Folklore

Hope Belschner, Third Grade, The Milkmaid and Her Pail Josiah Rauch, Third Grade, The Fox and The Crow Gabe Jones, Fourth Grade, The Force of Destiny Benjamin Postell, Fourth Grade, The Goose Who Laid the Golden Egg

Poetry

Signe Holloway, First Grade, Maker of Heaven and Earth Bea McIntosh, First Grade, Halfway Down Alice Miller, Second Grade, The Owl and the Pussycat Sophia Peterson, Second Grade, Lullaby for a Fairy Queen Kaylee Vis, Second Grade, Two Little Kittens Emma McIntosh, Third Grade, The King's Breakfast Jared Stokes, Third Grade, Two Little Kittenss Sarah Rosendahl, Fourth Grade, All Things Bright and Beautiful Chloe Sandmeyer, Fourth Grade, A Bird Came Down Bea Whitling, Fifth Grade, The Spider and the Fly Maddie Wintz, Sixth Grade, Can't

Elementary First Quarter Honor Roll

ALL A's

SECOND GRADE Clara Anderson Jude Grieser Evangeline Jankovic Alice Miller Louisa Miller Roman Nuttbrock Theo Sentz Elena Stokes Kaylee Vis Jasper Whitling

THIRD GRADE Alex Blum Kayte Casebolt Ava Driskill Jason Elmore Kailee Evans Olivia Igielski Madeline James Hero Merkle Naomi Michaels Josiah Rauch Abigail Visger Mary Visger

FOURTH GRADE Isabella Breese Jonah Grieser Judah Rauch Eden Schumaker Eleanor Story Cameron Vis Rory Wilson

FIFTH GRADE August Igielski Nicolas Minudri Bennett Schlect

SIXTH GRADE Keidi Anderson Sarah Corwin Luther Michaels Bryan Vis Madeline Wintz

A-B

(All A's with no more than two B's)

SECOND GRADE

Jackson Crapuchettes William Griffith Emmaline Handel Sydney Miller Madison Sawyer River Sumpter Ameera Wilson

THIRD GRADE

Hope Belschner Hannah Breese Aiden Elmore Isaiah Hewitt Emma McIntosh Gavin Smith Jared Stokes Mallory Struble Julia Urquidez Lydia Urquidez Lucia Wilson FOURTH GRADE

Jacob Hughes Gabe Jones Jadon Nuttbrock Sarah Rosendahl

FIFTH GRADE

Florence Adesope Benjamin Euhus Nate Miller Rosie Meyer

SIXTH GRADE Grace Belschner Whitney Elmore Jennifer Hoyt

Congratulations Students!

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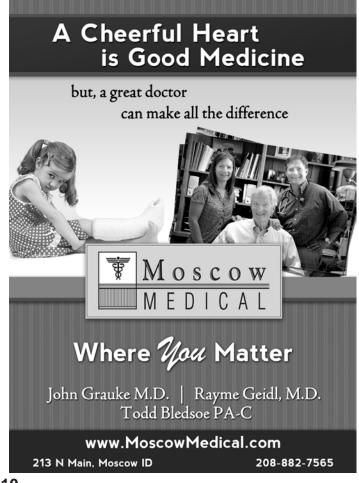
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The Elmores: Jason, Magdalene, Whitney, Kelsie, Courtney, and Aiden.

Winter may pose a challenge Mary said, but "I can't begin to tell you how much sacrifice we're willing to make for Logos. It is worth every second; every gallon of gas."

Six of the eight Elmore children entered Logos this year, from preschool to eighth grade. "We had been trying to clas-





The Millers: Nathan, Sarah, Louisa, Tabitha and Matthew (not pictured Naomi).

sically home school them but needed help," Ginger Elmore said. There wasn't a suitable school in their Indiana town so two years ago they explored the possibility of coming to Moscow. They had heard of the school through the writings of Logos co-founder, Pastor Doug Wilson.

Logos had been their first choice, but Jason Elmore couldn't find work. The children went to Cary Christian in North Carolina last school year. Then, a vice president from Jason's medical device company approached him about managing the northwest region.

The Elmores jumped at the opportunity and moved into their Viola rental in June. "We're really pleased with all the school teaches," Ginger said. They also appreciate the school's standards and enjoy other school families. The main adjustment comes each evening with Ginger trying to help six children with homework.

The Tom and Kirsten Miller family moved here from Illinois. They too placed six of eight children into Logos, from kindergarten through twelfth grade. When homeschooling became too big of a job, the Millers tried a local, non-classical, Christian school last year. It didn't work out so they pulled up roots and moved to Moscow, where Tom found work as a physical therapist.

"We'd been reading *Credenda Agenda* (and other Doug Wilson writings) since the 90s," Kirsten said. "Logos is terrific," she continued. "We're thrilled to be here. Everybody's worked so hard (to make Logos what it is). We get to walk in and enjoy an unbelievable blessing." The Millers also appreciate how well Logos runs every day. "It has a lot of Biblical wisdom as a foundation," Kirsten said.

God has blessed Logos School in so many ways over the years. Many have made similar moves to become part of Logos. These new families are yet another example of "the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7).



Alumnus Featured on NPR's All Things Considered



Nathan Wilson ('95)

appeared on NPR's *All Things Considered* on November 11. He was interviewed about his latest book, *The Dragon's Tooth*, which received starred reviews on *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, and the *School Library Journal*. Wilson is the author of Notes from Tilt-a-Whirl, Leepike Ridge, and the 100 Cupboards trilogy. The Logos School board member is the managing editor of Credenda/Agenda magazine and is also a Fellow of Literature at New Saint Andrews College.

You can listen to the eight-minute interview at http://www.npr. org/2011/11/10/142207375/ epic-fantasy-meets-americana-in-the-dragonstooth.



Mr. and Mrs. Todd Manion

Weddings

Sally Morrison '99 married Todd Manion on October 15, 2011, in Seattle, Washington.

Births

Benjamin Nieuwsma '04 is so grateful to God and proud of his incredible wife, Kathryn Nieuwsma. They are proud parents of their brand new little girl, Lucy Gene Nieuwsma. She was 7 lbs. exactly, born on



Lucy Nieuwsma

October 16, 2011, at 3:20 a.m. and 20 inches long.

Marian Laughery (Marston '02) is a very happy mama. After a two-day labor, Jude Michael Maxwell Laughery was born October 28, 2011, a very healthy 9 lbs 7 oz. and 21.25 inches long. He has a full head of gorgeous dark hair, a very round face with pudgy little cheeks, and a loud voice. Dad Jacob and brother Ransom



Jude Laughery

are very thankful also.

Nathan and **Krista** (Kirkland '05) Anglen are thrilled to announce the birth of their precious daughter, Ellie Joy! Born on September 27, 2011, she weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. She entered the world with her eyes wide open and a beautiful head of dark brown hair...watch out boys, daddy's polishing his shotgun!



Ellie Anglen





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Secondary Trivia Contest DECEMBER 16

End of the Second Quarter DECEMBER 16

Alumni Day DECEMBER 17

Christmas Break DECEMBER 19-30

Class of 2002 Tenth Reunion DECEMBER 22

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