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## **Reflections from a Grateful Alum**

By Rebekah Merkle

Like old friends, Logos School and I have grown up together. In 1981, I was a stout, shinyfaced four year old with shocking bangs just about to embark on my educational voyage, and Logos was a not-so-shiny, slightly wobbly new school with a shocking amount of hutzpah. In a church basement with a few dedicated parents and some

unpaid teachers, Logos set out to try something that was both totally new and yet also totally tried and true. It just hadn't been tried for a great, long while.

In 1948, Dorothy Sayers published a short essay called the Lost Tools of Learning, in which she argued for a return to an older method of education - fully Medieval in fact -and she argues that this would ironically produce a

generation of students more equipped for modern life than the products of the modern educational system. In the course of her essay she says this:

"It is in the highest degree improbable that the reforms I propose will ever be carried into effect . . . if we are to produce a society of educated people, fitted to preserve their intellectual freedom amid the complex pressures of our modern society, we must turn back the wheel of progress some four or five hundred years, to the point at which education began to lose sight of its true object, towards the end of the Middle Ages."

For Sayers, this was all merely speculative since she was convinced no one would ever be brave/ rash/interested enough to try it. Little did she suspect that fifty years later, in the panhandle of Idaho of all places, her hypothesis would be tested out . . . on me as well as a handful-that-grew-to-acrowd of other intrepid guinea pigs.

**Full Cover Photo** by Logos mom Hannah (Atwood '96) Grieser. The Palouse is a major agricultural area, home to the University of Idaho, Washington State University, and Logos School.

Over the last thirty-seven years, both Logos and I have done quite a lot of growing up; although we both remember each other's awkward years and have the photos and stories to prove it. Logos went on to become the flagship of a very significant educational movement, and I went on to get married, have five children, enroll them all in Logos, and then come back again myself to teach. I've seen Logos from nearly every angle there is to see it from

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- student, mom, teacher . . . and I'm more than ever thankful for the crazy dedication and faith of my parents and the other visionaries who sacrificed so much to build this school.

I love that in the same way I am still the same person as that little four year old, the much-moremature Logos School my children attend is the Logos I remember.

It is still focused on the same goals, it still has the same vision, and it is still striving to do something simultaneously both new and old as it seeks to equip students to faithfully love God with all their hearts, souls, and minds. And I think one of the greatest proofs of the success of Logos is how many alums are back with our own kids - wanting to see them receive the same faithful education that we received.

Dates to Watch				
FEB. 7 Elementary Spelling Bee Showdown	FEB. 22 Rhetoric Speech Meet	APR. 19 & 22 Easter Weekend No School		
FEB. 18 Presidents' Day No School	MAR. 11 22 Spring Break MAR. 28-29 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences	MAY 10 Grandparents' Day		

**Cover Feature Photo** by Logos mom Wendy Sensing. Drama production *Count of Monte Cristo* written by Matt and Joanna Pace.

# Sing We Noel!

Story Written by Aaron Snell, Music Director Photo by Lisa Hughes and Gwen Spencer

Christmas concerts have always held a special place in my heart – the wonder of the eternal God being born as a baby, the coming of the Light into a dark world like a match struck in a lightless room, paired with beautiful music, never fails to capture my heart, mind and imagination. It was with great excitement, therefore, that I made preparations for my first Christmas program at Logos School.

What I quickly found, however, was that my excitement paled in comparison to the excitement of the students as they learned their music for the concert this fall. It was amazing to come teach every day, and see their enthusiasm grow as they became more confident in their singing. My goal was to bring my students along in my joy for Christmas, but I was not prepared to be swept up in their joy, as well.

And what a delight the program turned out to be. Each group that performed, from preschool to high school, stepped up to the challenge before them and blessed the audience (which, from what I hear, was the largest yet). And this special Christmas blessing to the Logos community was one of our aims – in seeking to bless others with our voices raised, we were not seeking to glorify ourselves, but God (Rom. 15:5-7).

I know I was certainly blessed to see all 400 of my students at one time on stage when we closed the concert with Silent Night, in honor of that song's 200th anniversary. What a stunning testimony of God's grace and faithfulness toward Logos School! And what a joy it is to teach and make music with the sons and daughters of the wonderful families that make up the Logos community. Soli Deo Gloria!







400 Logos students covered the stage, stairs, and floor, performing 'Silent Night'. It is the song's 200th year anniversary. What a powerful ending to the Christmas program.

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#### L E M EΝ Ε T A R Y



Mrs. Handel's Kingergarten class performed the new play Bear Stays Up for Christmas from the book by Karma Wilson.





Bear settles down for his long winter's nap! Sleep Tight!



Mrs. Akin's third grade class performed the play *Ruth*.



Mrs. Bradley & Mrs. Sumpter's fourth grade class performed the play The Adventures of Paul Revere.





Mrs. McIvor's first grade class performed the play The Gingerbread Man.



#### Ε L Ε Μ Ε



Mr. Becker's sixth grade class performed Macbeth. This play was a Shakespearean tragedy with a comedic twist.



The girls of the class - The Queen, The Wyrd Sisters, Lady McDuff, and Banquo.



Mrs. Kappmeyer and Mrs. Anderson's sixth grade class performed the Shakespearean play Much Ado About Nothing.

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### Y Ν T A R **Second Quarter Honor Roll** All A's

### Second Grade

Ida Mae Church Lucy Cohen Liam Dalebout Yee Hong Hu Liam Grieser Alexander Kahler Adele Lopez Soeren Moya Jordan Peterson Rose Joiner Lydia Shannon Elijah Visger

### Third Grade

Bo Beauchamp Richard Beauchamp Chloe Blakey Knox Doane Zane Holloway Olivia Garaway Ransom Laughery Nathaniel Miller Anastasia Nuttbrock Hewson Spencer Darcy Tolleffson Anna Vis Ava Wells

### **Fourth Grade**

Christian Carlson Asa Church Baxter Covington Jemma Driskill Katherine Hewitt Sigmund Iles Aiden Mova Joseph Nibler Bredon Nielson James Peterson Sophia Rauch Isabella Visger FuBi White

### **Fifth Grade**

Shannon Beauchamp Titus Blum John Henry Crapuchettes Asaph Grieser Yasmin Hernandez Chloe Jankovic Titus Jankovic Miles Miller Oliver Spencer Peterson Story

### Sixth Grade

Adison Calene Mari Calene Lucius Comis Ryan Daniels Emmersen Doane Gunnar Holloway Jubilee Joiner Solomon Lopez Tacia Park Simeon Rauch **Rebekah Sensing** Ransom Sentz Emeth Toebben Boaz Whitling Michaiah Wilson Seamus Wilson



### A-B

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

### Second Grade

Quinn Covington Leif Miller Lucy Points David Robinson Harper Wright

### Third Grade

Chloe Anderson Westley Calene Bennett Crapuchettes Blaire Jankovic Finn Miller Zahara Smits Jacob Snell Benjamin Wight Marisol Wilson

### **Fourth Grade**

Simon Atwood **Evangeline Becker** Grace Christianson Elizabeth Evans Owen Hervey William Hoehn Catherine Mortimore Christopher Vaz Abigail Wight

### Fifth Grade

Hannah Anderson Joseph Atwood Lincoln Chaney Isaac Kang Elizabeth Meyer Jonas Mordhorst Inara Nicole Nadreau Clarissa Alexandria Shannon Blaise Underwood Gerald Anthony Wright

### Sixth Grade

Noah Atwood Thomas Bowen Jaylah Chaney George Evans Spencer Farrell Grace Mortimore Laura Rheingans

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### **Congratulations Students!**

# Knights Sports News

### Jr. High Boys Basketball

Written by Patrick Lopez, Athletic Director Pictures by Gwen Spencer and Loren Euhus

The Junior High boys basketball program had a successful season. The Knights had a very high level of participation with 26 boys competing. The coaches focused on fundamentals and teamwork, and the team showed significant progress in both areas. With only four players in eighth grade, the group was quite young but competed hard and gained a lot of experience. The boys learned a lot during the season and, since the majority of the team consisted of sixth and seventh graders, the improvement should be evident next season. Isaac Lopez was head coach and he was assisted by George Landis and Caleb Salmon.

### Varsity Boys Basketball

Written by Patrick Lopez, Athletic Director Pictures by Loren Euhus



unior Isaac Blum, going in for the core, while teammates Ben Euhus and Jonah Grieser are ready to help.

Senior Nate Miller, taking it in for the score during the Varsity vs. Junior Varsity Knights game





Top left: Eliot Mortimore, seventh grade, has his eye on the prize as he dribbles in for his shot.

Top right: Tiernan Nuttbrock, sixth grade, setting up the play for the Knights.

Right: Garrett Farrell, 7th grade, charging past his opponent to score for the Knights.





The Varsity boys are off to a great start. The team is currently undefeated in league play and is anticipating a strong showing in district competition. The team has their eyes on a district title and a trip to Boise for the State Tournament. The interior presence of seniors Nate Miller and Ben Euhus has been a big advantage for the Knights so far. With seniors Bennet Schlect and Nic Minudri providing

steady play on the perimeter, the team is using their experience to guide them to a successful and exciting conclusion of their season.

Senior Ben Euhus, surrounded by Kendrick players, grabs the rebound for the Knights!



# Knights Sports News

### Varsity Girls Basketball

Written by Patrick Lopez, Athletic Director Pictures by Loren Euhus

The Varsity girls are a very young team made up of mostly sophomore and freshmen. The only two seniors on the team, Shania Hughes and Bea Whitling, are helping the team to develop into a competitive group. The girls struggled at the start of the season playing without Whitling who was out for over a month due to an ankle injury in addition to learning a new set of plays. Since the break, the team has shown significant improvement. They are excited about the potential for a strong finish to this season and a bright future in the years to come.





Above: Senior, Bea Whitling, laying it up for the Knights.

Left: Sophomore, Kirsten Wambeke, going up to score.

Bottom: Ladies Knights dominating n defense.



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#### S Ε С N R Y Α 0 D

Knights Fest Pictures by Tami Pilchard and Tora Whitling

Knights Fest took place on January 30 through February 1. The three days were filled with competitions, workshops, feasting, skits, and singing. King Nathan Miller and Queen Bel Merkle had the privilege of reading the announcements each day.

The theme this year was medicine. Dr. Rod Story presented the plenary session. Themed workshops included surgery (and practice suturing on pig's feet), pediatrics, dentistry, medical missions, ophthalmology, sleep, physical therapy, EMT/Physicians Assistant, and CPR/AED certification.

Authentic Mexican food, cookies, balloon animals, strategy and board games, flower crowns, backpacking, drama, self-defense, interior design and a taste of Switzerland filled out the recreational workshops. Competitions included the Board Game Blitz, volleyball, basketball, Fort Knox, chess, art, flipbooks, baking, archery, and making towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti.

The students' were more creative with their class banners this year including a stained glass window by the seniors, and the seventh grade banner used different fabrics and sequins. The class competition winner this year was the senior class. Their contributions included the song Be Thou My Vision and a live tour through paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Left: The archery competition looked quite intense: taking aim and hitting their mark!

Right: Towers made of dry spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. The sophomore class won with their tower reaching 53 inches



The seniors are crossing the Delaware. Picture perfect!



Knights Fest wouldn't be complete without a feast. The students are choosing between the many delicious dessert options.



Freshman, Alex Ahmann, giving his best effort to block the hit!



One of the amazing class banners for the Class of 2023. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7 NKIV

S Ε C **Second Quarter Honor Roll** 

> Cum Laude 3.50-3.69

### Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.99

#### Seventh Grade Seventh Grade

Paul Grieser Alaina Heisig Daphne Jankovic Genesea Nibler Vesardine Schumaker Larissa Smith Sydney Stevens Joseph Story Moriah White

#### Eliot Mortimore Eve Rench Helen Schumaker Jonah Snell Lucia Spencer Felicity Sumpter

### **Eighth Grade**

**Eleanor Evans** Lucas Hughes Cora Johnson Emilia Meyer Isaac White Diba Zadehgol

### Ninth Grade

William Casebolt John Crawford Iudah Merkle Louisa Miller Sydney Miller Elijah Snell

Tenth Grade

**Richard Crawford** 

Kalkidan Meyer Zachary Miller

**Eleventh Grade** Mark Johnson

Sara Beatrice Whitling Sarah Youmans

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Twelfth Grade

Christiana Boothman Talis Meyer Brian Plotner

Summa Cum Laude 4.0

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### **Seventh Grade**

Angela Visger

Ninth Grade

Clara Anderson

Evangeline Jankovic

Kenneth Kline

Alice Miller

Roman Nuttbrock

Hazel Rheingans

Theo Sentz

**River Sumpter** 

Kaylee Vis

Jasper Whitling

Ameera Wilson

**Tenth Grade** 

Alex Blum

Kayte Casebolt

Isaiah Hewitt

Olivia Igielski

Hero Merkle

Naomi Michaels

Josiah Rauch

Abigail Visger

Mary Visger Lucia Wilson

Ronen Wyrick

Kacy Youmans

Eleventh Grade

Marilea Canul

Payton Comis

David Handel

Judah Rauch Cameron Vis

Rory Wilson

**Twelfth Grade** 

Oscar Beauchamp Alyssa Blum David Daniels Annabelle Crapuchettes Edward Driskill Elizabeth Hewitt Evelyn Grauke Gabriel Igielski **Eighth Grade** Gloria Michaels Grace Ann VanderPloeg Clive Miller Tabitha Miller Zach Atwood

**Eighth Grade** 

Alexandra Doane Eddrick Mova Nathaniel Plotner Greta Sentz

### Ninth Grade

Benjamin Druffel Solomon Howard Hannah Michaels Shawn Schneider Ainsley Smith Cody Stevens

**Tenth Grade** Ava Driskill Kailee Evans

> Julia Urquidez Lydia Urquidez Kirstin Wambeke

#### Twelfth Grade **Eleventh Grade** Belphoebe Merkle Joseph Ahmann

Isaac Blum

Gadi Edwards Benjamin Euhus August Igielski Morgan Kiblen Madelynn Meyer

Rudy Christianson Nathan Miller Nicolas Minudri Bennett Schlect Laina Wyrick

Congratulations Students!

Amen!

### Ν Y R D **FIRST SEMESTER FACULTY COMMENDATIONS**

The standards for these awards are exemplary conduct, academic achievement, and a positive attitude toward school and school programs. Students must be nominated by all of their teachers.

#### **Seventh Grade** Elizabeth Hewitt Eve Rench Felicit Sumpter

### **Eighth Grade**

### Ninth Grade

Clara Anderson **Evangeline Jankovic** Kenneth Cline Hazel Rheingans Ameera Wilson

### **Tenth Grade**

Magdalene Anderson Ava Driskill

### **Eleventh Grade**

Isaac Blum Jonah Grieser Judah Rauch Rory Wilson

### **Twelfth Grade**

August Igielski Morgan Kiblen Nathan Miller Nicolas Minudri



### **The Count of Monte Cristo** Story written by Eleanor Story

Pictures by Lisa Hughes and Gwen Spencer

From poverty to instant wealth, in the matter of a minute the Count of Monte Cristo's life was changed forever. The Logos varsity drama produced of The Count of Monte Cristo the first week of November.

Thanks to Mrs. Lloyd, the director of this year's musical, the cast was able to pull off this never-before-seen musical. Nate Miller, who played the Count, expressed the feelings of the whole cast, saying, "One of my favorite parts of the play was Mrs. Lloyd. Her work ethic and her cheerfulness were inspiring and made us strive for excellence. She was forever staying up late to work on the set, or help us understand a scene, or work with us on the acting, and in the end, it really paid off."

The Count of Monte Cristo, then Edmond Dantes, starts out the play as a newly appointed captain and fiancé of Mercedes (Sophie Spencer), only to have his hopes and plans dashed by the bitterness and jealousy of Danglars (Brian Plotner) and Fernand Mondego (John Sensing). Edmond then gets thrown into prison by Villefort (Titus Postma).

"My favorite scene was the one in prison, where Edmond is lamenting his pain and



Lugi Vampa - Talis Meyer as the pirate and Jake Hughes as Jacopo!

heartbreak. It was a scene that sent shivers down my spine. It was interesting to play a part very similar to Job, but with a different ultimate outcome- instead of being long suffering, Edmond let his difficulties fuel his rage. The redemption in the end with Mercedes rounded off a well-told story," Nate Miller said.

Edmond then meets a priest named Faria (Bennett Schlect), who gives Edmond a treasure map just before he dies. Edmond then switches places with Faria and is dumped into the ocean instead of the actual dead body, making his escape! Edmond enlists the help of a pirate named Jacobo (Jake Hughes) and makes his way to the Isle of Monte Cristo and finds the treasure, 10 million francs! Edmond renames himself the Count of Monte Cristo and uses his newfound wealth to re-enter into society, where he is unrecognized.

The Count's goal is to take revenge on all who wronged him. Because of the Count, Mondego is stabbed, Danglars is arrested, and Villefort's wife dies. You might say that there could be no happy ending to such a play as this, but there is. After the death of her abusive husband, Mercedes reunites with Edmond and the play closes with their wedding and justice for all.

The cast performed on several nights, including a dinner theater. The writers of the musical, Matt and Joanna Pace, flew in to see the debut performance of their work. Congratulations to the drama department on another successful season!



Talis Meyer, Nate Miller, and Brian Plotner as Caderousse, Edmond Dantes, and Danglars, respectively.



Mercedes, actress Sophia Spencer, joins the audience on the floor as she sings "Scars Inside".



Everything is going well for Edmond and Mercedes.



The cast singing "What A Life What A Day".

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Above: Bennett Schlect, Titus Postma, and Louisa Miller as Bastien DeVillefort. Below: Nic Minudri as the Directeur. The Directeur welcomes Edmond to the prison at Castle D'if.



The cast with the writers, Matt and Joanna Pace.







Written by Gene Liechty Pictures by Eleanor Story

It may have been the best Benefit Auction in Logos School history! Saturday night, January 19, three hundred friends of the school filled the SEL Event Center for the circus-themed "Under the Big Top" event. People didn't attend for the delicious dinner and the entertainment only. They came ready to invest in students of Logos. By the time the festivities ended, the event raised more than \$118,000 for the school, surpassing last year by \$20,000! Following is a breakdown of the evening's proceeds:

Silent Auction Items: \$16,552 Live Auction (17 Featured Items): \$31,800 Fund-A-Need: \$30,500 Dessert Dash: \$8,678 Corporate/Individual Sponsorships: \$30,500

Thresh Catering, owned & operated by Katie (Gray '01) Grauke, did a wonderful job with the food. Logos student Rudy Christianson & University of Idaho students Liam Marchant filled the ballroom with music (piano & saxophone) as vintage black & white circus footage rolled silently on the big screens. Bel Merkle did an incredible job incorporating our circus theme in everything from table décor to staging and florals throughout the event center. Our entertainer for the evening - the Junk Drawer Troubadour from Spokane - juggled knives, hoops, and bowling pins (occasionally while atop a unicycle) to the delight of the crowd. And, of course, guests had the opportunity to fellowship, bid, and enjoy the "Big Top" photo booth throughout the evening.

The 17 spectacular items/packages up for bid in the Live Auction drew enthusiastic bidding,



This crowd looks pretty intense. A strong bid for one of the many incredible auction items. keeping our "spotters" on their toes. A Wine Tasting for Eight with Francis Foucachon with a light supper prepared by Thresh Catering brought \$5,000. A Five-Day Stay in a Coeur d'Alene Lake home raised \$6,000. The Super Bowl Party for Forty at Tapped generated \$2,100. And the Bowling with Mr. Becker package (Mr. Becker is a Logos 6th Grade Teacher) brought \$550. These are just some of the highlights during the live auction.

This year's Fund-A-Need proceeds will go toward the purchase of goal posts, a score board, and several sections of portable bleachers for our newly sodded competition field on the new campus! The school will also be adding a track & lights to the field in 2019.

Our first-ever "Dessert Dash" was a smashing success and raised \$8,640 for the school. A big "thank you" to Sandy Spencer for organizing it and all those who baked the lovely creations on display Saturday night!

Logos is truly grateful to Dr. Ben Bowen of Moscow Family Dentistry (Presenting Sponsor) and the many others who purchased table sponsorships and donated goods and services for the 2019 Logos Benefit Auction. This year's table sponsors included: Canon Press, Carlton Builders, Carlton Electric, Carpet Mill, Covenant Investment Advisors, David Williams & Friends, Ealy Construction, Eifert Law Firm, Erber Auto, Germer Construction, Greg Kimberling Insurance Agency, Gritman Medical Center, Gropp Heating, Air, & Electric, Kestrel Realty Group, Key Properties, Latah County Title Company, Moscow Family Dentistry, Moscow Family Eye Care, Moscow Medical, New Saint Andrews College, Pickard Orthodontics, Sprenger Construction, Story Family Medicine, The Becker Family, The St. Hilaire/Howard Family, Thresh Catering, and Thrivent Financial.

And finally... a big shout-out to the 2019 Auction Steering Committee for their countless hours of work in helping ensure the success of this event: Paula Casebolt, Kelly Driskill, & Gwen Spencer.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!





Beautiful and fun table decor.



Gene Liechty, Logos School's Development Director, expressing appreciation for the table sponsors and the steering committe.



Let the Bidding Wars begin!

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Jack Driskill, seventh grade, holding one of the auction items.



The Dessert Dash was a tremendous success. This is just a sampling of the beautiful and delicious desserts that were offered at the auction. Thank you to all that participated in creating such special treats!



Dr. Stephenson congratulating senior Nic Minudri on his acceptance to MIT.

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Homecoming Photos by: Gwen Spencer

December 15 was the Logos School Homecoming celebration. The lunchroom was host to over 100 returning alumni from 1994-2018 with their families present. Katie (Gray '01) Grauke of Thresh Catering provided the delicious nacho bar lunch and peppermint brownie dessert. A raffle was held for gift cards from Bucer's and Tapped. Paula (Sawyer '94) Casebolt won the Tapped card and Darcey Stephenson ('16) won the Bucer's card.

Superintendent Dr. Larry Stephenson greeted the returning alums, gave an update on the land and building plans, and blessed the food. The afternoon was spent watching basketball games in the gym. The participating alums were asked to come down on the floor and introduce themselves during halftime of the girls Varsity game.











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### Weddings



Catherine Rhiengans ('16) and Chaeun Kim ('15) were married September 01, 2018 in Moscow, Idaho.

### **Births**

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Sheffield ('06) and Laura Leithart welcomed Warren Gaines on December 14, 2018. He weighed 7 lbs 8oz.

# Junni News



River James Dickison was born November 30, 2018, weighing 7lbs 8oz. His middle name is after his Papa, Jill's dad. We are so thankful to God for his safe arrival, that his older siblings enjoy him very much, and that he seems to tolerate them.

- Elliot ('09), Jill, Ember, Flynn, and Sylvia Dickison

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