

VICTORY'S VOICE

Small Voice - Big Impact

Why Journalism?

Mrs. Brittani Shackelford

Choosing elective courses for high school can be a daunting task. What will interest the students? What will benefit them most in the future? These are questions that must be asked. Admittedly, I asked myself similar questions when I was approached about teaching a journalism course. Will they be interested? Will it be beneficial? The answer to both questions is a resounding YES! As someone who has loved, studied, and pursued this style of writing, I have been pleased with the interest shown. True, unbiased journalism is a nearly-lost art in our society today. I am privileged to teach my students what real news is and what it is not. I am thankful I can freely remind them that honesty is the most important quality their writing should have. Will any of our VBA students go on to choose journalism as a career? That remains to be seen. For now, the 2019-2020 class will enjoy sharing stories with you in our quarterly newsletter. Happy reading!

A Fun Day for a "FUNd" Walk

Michaela Belcher

On October 11, Victory Baptist Academy held its annual FUNd Walk fundraiser. The goal was \$20,000 and the hope is to meet or exceed that goal



once all the contributions have been collected. The high school students walked 3.1 miles (5K) around the parking lot at Grandview, and everyone enjoyed playing in the park and on the nearby softball field. Mrs. Childers explained, "I am excited to see how the Lord will bless the successfulness of the fundraising, and the feedback has been great." A big thanks goes out to Mrs. Childers, Mr. Childers, Pastor Roberts and

the entire VBA staff, whose hard work made the FUNd Walk possible.

New Season, New Coach

Ben Ward

Since the departure of Mr. Fizer a new coach has stepped up for the volleyball team at Victory Baptist Academy. Mrs. Daniels, the new volleyball coach, said that she feels anxious as the new coach. With only two in-conference losses this season, Mrs. Daniels has shown she is a great leader for the team. She said, "I will coach the varsity until the Lord tells me otherwise." We look forward to many more seasons with Mrs. Daniels as coach.





Into the Mind of a Senior

Allison Grose

As the graduating class of 2020 faces their final year of high school, they are usually questioned about their plans after graduation. Many people tend to overlook this monumental year and instead focus on their future plans. However, these eight seniors of Victory Baptist Academy were asked questions regarding the present rather than the future. Many of the seniors have set goals that they would like to meet within this final year of high school. All students interviewed claimed that they have a goal of growing closer to the Lord, whether that be through reading personal devotions, praying, representing Christ, or placing God as a priority in their lives. When it came to academic goals, the students were not as interconnected. Some students intend on improving their grades compared to last year, some could care less, and others would prefer to stay consistent. The majority of the students engaged in sports set goals for the volleyball and basketball seasons. Some of those goals included leading the team in a positive way, winning a banner, and beating specific teams. Several seniors are looking forward to the upcoming year, while others look upon it with dread. Those that are looking forward to the year plan to “enjoy every moment as it comes.” Michaela Belcher, the newest senior, claimed that every day is exciting to her. She also mentioned that everyone has been extremely accommodating and has made her feel welcome. The other students of the graduating class are struggling to finish. When asked their mindset going through their senior year, they responded with “I try, sometimes,” and “When am I going to be done with this?” Even those that have a positive outlook on their final year agreed with the majority that they are looking forward to graduation most of all; however, some seniors mentioned other school activities that they are anticipating as well.



A Big Game for the Varsity Lady Saints

Tanner Vest

The Mercer Cavaliers made the trip to Victory’s home court on the night of Monday, September 30. The Lady Saints went to Mercer’s court earlier in August and lost in five sets, making this a big game for the Saints’ varsity team. First year coach Janelle Daniels said, “We are excited and ready for a win.” After a close middle school game, the varsity game got off to a slow start. The first set was sloppy for the Saints, getting down to a 3-12 deficit. The Saints were able to bring back the game and won the first set with a score of 28-26. The team was filled with energy and dominated the next two sets. The Saints wiped the Cavaliers, winning the game in three sets. This game was huge for seeding in tournaments. After the game, Captain Allison Grose said she felt like the team had a really good attitude and was ready for tournaments. This proved to be true, after the varsity Lady Saints earned first place in the state for the third consecutive year.

Change of Plans

Lauren Pauley

Why Victory? When asked this question Miss Reedy explained to me that a combination of things led her to teach at Victory this year. She came back to West Virginia to gain her masters degree — not to teach. But it is funny how God works in ways we cannot even imagine. He placed her right where He knew she needed to be even though it was never apart of her “plan.” She said, “This ministry played an important role in my life, and I wanted to be a part of it.” As a teacher, one of her goals this year is to know how to academically communicate with each student. She is also excited to see not only how everyone has grown academically and socially by the end of the year but also how their character has developed. She has been a strong asset to the school and the students have enjoyed her as a teacher. The students have benefited from her teaching and the Godly example she has set. “Challenges are hard but the blessings are better,” is what Miss Reedy answered when asked about the daily struggles of being a teacher. Even though she did not foresee teaching here, we could not be more thankful that God placed her at Victory.

