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Seventh grader Dani Amsalu watches a project come to life on the 3-D printer. Read more about the tech ed classes on page 7.

The value of holistic education

by Tim Lehman, *Head of School*



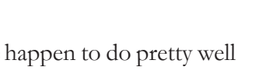
At Bethany we are extremely proud of our students and alumni. We are also proud of our holistic educational program, which prepares students for life beyond school.

The basic premise of holistic education is that students find meaning, identity, and purpose through connectedness. That includes understanding the connection between disciplines, between the mind, body, and spirit, and also making meaningful connections with other human beings. Many schools measure success solely by scores on a few standardized tests, but in Bethany's holistic educational program, success means more than that. We aim to develop students who have a love of learning, are passionate about their work in the community, and have a reverence for life. They also happen to do pretty well on those tests.

An important piece of holistic education is experiential learning, which Bethany offers in a variety of ways. See page 7 for an example of students finding new opportunities in our growing technology education programs. Also see the briefs on Bethany's solar and farm-to-school initiatives which put our values of stewardship and wellness into practice.

Take note of the articles highlighting academic achievement and athletic success (pp. 6, 8). The lessons and values learned on the field and from coaches truly transform student lives. We are proud of our current and former scholar-athletes and want to provide athletes and our fans with modern, safe, and welcoming facilities. Our vision for this is outlined on pages 4-5, and we look forward to sharing this with the Bethany community.

We are grateful for staff, alumni, and donors who create holistic and transformative Christ-centered education.



Deaths

See online obituaries at bethanycs.net/alumni/obits

Paul Borntrager ('58), Glendale, Ohio, June 22, 2019.

Bill Hooley (head of school 1970-94), Dec. 7, 2019, Goshen.

John Arthur Lowe ('75), Valley Village, CA, Oct. 21, 2018.

Mary Lou Meek ('56), Goshen, Oct. 26, 2019.

Norman Stauffer ('55), Dalton, Ohio, Oct. 26, 2019.

Charlene (Borntrager '56) Stutzman, Goshen, Dec. 3, 2019.

Births

Brenna Steury Graber ('03) and Brad Graber, Goshen, Ind., daughter Margot Marie Steury Graber, May 23, 2019.

Conrad ('99) and Jen Marr **Burkholder,** Kokomo, Ind., son Dalton James Burkholder, June, 4, 2019.

Alicia (Schwartzentruber '07) and Nathan **Kurtz,** Carmel, Ind., son Harrison Jay Kurtz, Sept 27, 2019.

Ben ('05) and Krista **Shenk**, Olathe, KS., son Josiah Lee, Oct. 7, 2019.

Notes

Justin Heinzekehr ('03) explores the significance of the empty tomb and Jesus' physical absence for Anabaptist ecclesiology and theology in his new book, *The Absent Christ: An Anabaptist Theology of the Empty Tomb.* Justin is the director of institutional research and assessment and assistant professor of Bible at Goshen College.

Trevor Daugherty ('07) is the senior editor at 9to5Toys.com. His work has been featured in Wirecutter, The Verge, USA Today, and other leading technology publications. He, along with his wife Bre and daughter Elona, returned to Goshen in the summer of 2019.

Alumni, keep us updated! Fill out the form at bethanycs.net/alumni/alumni_information_form or email alumni@bethanycs.net. Parents, please notify us of the new address of your child. Thanks!

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Bethany continues commitment to stewardship and sustainability

Bethany's ongoing commitment to stewardship is highlighted in the following sustainability initiatives. Ongoing curriculum integration allows students to see their learning in practice—whether it's calculating energy use or planning and planting in the school garden.



Solar

This fall brought the installation of 390 additional solar panels at Bethany, adding to the existing panels for a total of over 1200 panels. When all of the panels are live, a sunny day will allow over 90% of Bethany's energy use to be generated with renewable resources.



Farm-to-school

Bethany is also continuing the transformation of the farm-to-school cafeteria, incorporating food services into our health and wellness academic programming. Fresh produce makes up a large portion of what is served in the cafeteria, including food grown in the school garden as well as other locally-sourced options.

Alumni Reunions

Class reunion photos from 2019 can be viewed at bethanycs.net/alumni-weekend-2019.

The next alumni reunion will be Sept. 26, 2020, with reunions for classes ending in 5 or 0. Registration will be available online in summer 2020 at bethanycs.net/reunions.



50-year reunion, class of '69: Front (L to R): James R. Kraybill, Joan (Garber) Gingerich, Roger Schmucker, Shirley (Gingerich) Nunemaker, Harriet (Schrock) Martin, Ruth Ann (Lehman) Yoder, Darlene (Cross) Plank, Rhoda (Shenk) Keener, Darrel Hostetler (sponsor); **Middle:** Karen (Shrock) Miller, Ruth Slabach, James Beachy, Barb (Leinbach) Lehman, Carmen (Stutzman) Thompson, Miriam (Sutter) Lapp, June (Hershberger) Trcka, Frieda (Miller) Borntrager, Kathleen (Beck) Martin; **Back:** Jim Hiestand, Rod Maust, Roger Hooley, Jay Friesen, Ken Schmitt, Jared Yoder, Steve Dintaman, Rose (Mishler) Miller, Lorraine (Sommers) Reinford, Wilmer Hollinger (sponsor)

Great Strides
BETHANY CHRISTIAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Values that Last a Lifetime: The Great Strides Campaign

Today, there is so much more that must be part of a child's education than simply reading, writing, and arithmetic. At least that is what we believe at Bethany Christian Schools. A guiding set of values defines us and determines how and what we teach our students.

The Great Strides Capital Campaign touches each of these specific values of Bethany Christian Schools. The money we raise will revitalize our athletic campus with a modern track and new soccer fields, detailed on the page at right. The planned site will be safe, beautiful, and accessible for all. Parents, teachers, and friends can safely and easily access the campus to watch and encourage student athletes. The beauty of the facility will show prospective families that we value the experience our families have here. We believe a revitalized athletic complex will be an asset that adds to the development and success of our students.

Christ-Centered

First and foremost, we value the importance of a Christ-centered education. Our school seamlessly integrates faith and learning from a Mennonite perspective that highlights discipleship, peaceable living, and service. Faith is nurtured throughout all aspects of Bethany. We encourage and guidew each student toward their personal faith journey. Teachers and coaches serve as mentors by modeling Christ's love in their actions and using Christ's teaching in their own classrooms, while students develop their faith.

Academic Excellence

We value academic excellence with classes that challenge students and teachers who bring creativity, empathy, opportunity, and enthusiasm into their classrooms. We stress the importance of academics at every grade level. We help students experience challenges and success, which prepare them for life after graduation.

Gifts

Each person has unique gifts to share with the world. At Bethany we encourage students to discover, develop, and share their individual gifts to further God's work throughout their lives and in the community.

Community

Bethany Christian Schools works to build respectful and meaningful relationships in a manner inspired by Jesus' life. This begins with strong relationships among our students and faculty, who then build connections in the church and larger community. Healthy relationships and happy students draw new enrollment to our school. We believe the skills of relationship-building will serve our students far beyond their years here.





Room for Everyone

We envision a transformed athletic campus that welcomes all students and community members with true hospitality. We see a level playing field where all are invited to play and all are included on the team.

- 01 Pedestrian connection and circulation
- 02 Improved railroad track crossing
- 03 Ticket booth and gates
- 04 Maple City Greenway east of track connection
- 05 Emergency vehicle drive/greenway connection
- 06 Concession and restroom building
- 07 Replaced bleachers on concrete pad
- 08 Press box
- 09 Soccer field 220' x 350'
- 10 New 400 meter track
- 11 Bleacher stands (± 290 seats)
- 12 Soccer press box
- 13 Field lights
- 14 Relocated softball field
- 15 Dugouts
- 16 Shaded gathering space
- 17 High jump
- 18 Discus throw
- 19 Long jump
- 20 Pole vault
- 21 Shot put
- 22 Future tennis
- 23 Future baseball
- 24 Future middle school soccer

Learning that lasts…

Cultivating a legacy of holistic success

Bethany senior Caroline Cartmel is no stranger to excellence. After finishing her fourth season of varsity soccer this fall, her name hovers near the top of most offensive statistic records in Bethany girls soccer program history. She was also named, along with two of her teammates, for Academic All-State recognition by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association this season.

The combination of success in both academics and athletics is not a coincidence. "Teachers in general at Bethany make sure you thrive both in academics and sports," said Caroline. "Bethany creates an environment where that balance can be cultivated and learned by students."

But Bethany coaches and athletes do more than balance athletics and extracurriculars—they also work to develop students as individuals throughout their entire high school experience.



Caroline Cartmel led the Bethany girls soccer team to a sectional championship this season.

Continuing the legacy

Caroline remembers, "When I was a freshman, the [girls soccer] program was restarting and I wanted to get a sense of where we were coming from." To do this, she started poring over old school records. "I'd always seen Tara Plank's name up there at the top, and I was finally like who is this Tara Plank?"

Tara Plank ('02), it turns out, was a highly successful girls soccer player—much like Caroline now—who happens to hold the program's scoring record. And after hearing there was a player who might break her record, Tara made it a point to see the team play this season. Through a series of connections, the two ended up meeting for an evening.

"I discovered Caroline is gifted in many areas besides soccer, including music," said Tara, in reference to Caroline being named a member of the Indiana All-State Orchestra last year.

"We ended up talking for probably an hour and a half about Bethany, soccer, and college," said Caroline. "She gave me a lot of inspiration for soccer playing ... and how we're carrying on the legacy today."



Tara Plank ('02), left, and Caroline Cartmel ('20), hold first and second place individual career scoring records in girls soccer.

The legacy is one of academic and athletic success, surely, but also of developing individuals like Tara and now Caroline—individuals who were challenged in a way that prepares them for their future.

Said Tara of Caroline, "I have no doubt that whatever she does after high school, she will do it with heart, which is a success in and of itself."

…faith that lives.

Creating a model of experiential learning

For students interested in engineering, design, and technology, it is an exciting time to be at Bethany. While technology education principles have already been integrated into class curriculum, this year marks the first time that 3-D printing is available for students to learn and practice in many of these classes.

Benji Hurst teaches the technology curriculum at all grade levels. Fourth and fifth graders begin with Digi Comm, an introductory course to online communication. Students learn responsible computer use and basic design principles, as well as keyboarding skills.

The seventh grade Tech Ed class builds on these design principles but gets more advanced as students are introduced to engineering basics and how to create projects on their own. They learn in a program where they can build 3-D printed designs and, as of this year, actually produce their projects.

"These classes give students the opportunity to take the things they're learning in their math and science courses and build upon that to solve real-world problems," said Benji.

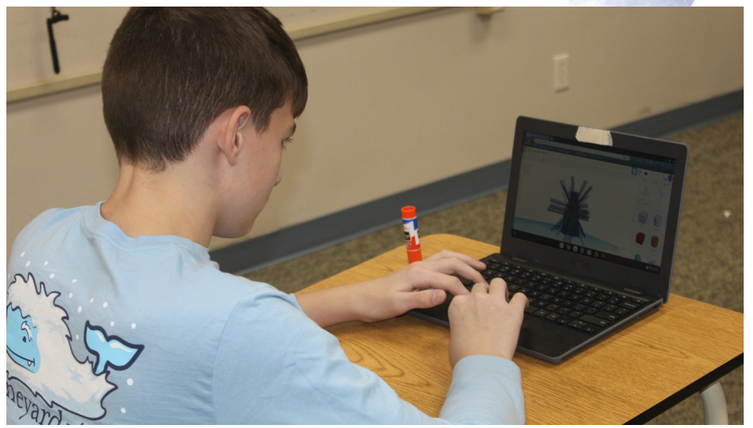
At the end of the semester this year, seventh grade students designed and printed their own 3-D Christmas trees. They were designed in such a way that when a small light is inserted, it shines through—as if their Christmas trees are lit up.

"These projects allow students to add an element of creativity into their designs, along with the academic principles they need to know to have a successful project," said Benji.

High school class offerings include Intro to Engineering, Data Science, and Intro to Computer Science. These classes develop and build skills such as coding, data visualization, programming, and 3-D printed modeling.

Projects, especially in the Intro to Engineering class, are centered around real-world application. Students have worked with Maintenance Director Brent Miller to design and print mechanical pieces to fix broken equipment around the school.

"Students also develop resiliency, as they learn that the first iteration of a design won't always be exactly like the final product," said Benji. "They have to get creative in finding a solution."



Above: Seventh grade students learn how to design printed projects. Below: Three students pose with their 3-D printed Christmas trees.



Look for photos from this class and more on Facebook and Instagram! facebook.com/bethanychristian schools, @bethanychristianschools

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Student athletes continue record of academic achievement during season

This fall, 12 student athletes were recognized for Academic All-State honors.



Four of these were girls soccer players, who also led the team (pictured at right) to finish the season with a sectional championship and the winningest record in program history (16-3). Bethany's emphasis on high academic achievement combined with athletic success has been a focus for years, and continues yet today.

Malaina Weldy ('12), pictured below, played both soccer and basketball all four years of high school at Bethany, graduated with honors, and received the Presidential Leadership Award to attend Goshen College. She graduated from Notre Dame in May with her MBA and JD.



"Although I've always been better at soccer, basketball for me was always more fun," said Malaina. She credits varsity girls basketball coach Krysten Parson with deliberately fostering a close-knit team environment and supporting her and teammates. "She was my mentor as well."

The community that was built on the basketball team and the sense of belonging that it created were instrumental in developing successful students on and off the court.

"She had a huge role in developing my confidence as a student athlete," she said. "I think she set the bar high and then provided me with what I needed to reach it."

See the complete list of fall athletic awards at **bethanycs.net/fall-sports-2019.**