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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER

It is a joy to write to you in the very first issue of our alumni and supporter newsletter. Whether you walked our halls as a student, cheered from the bleachers as a parent, or have prayed for and given to this school from a distance, you are part of the BRCS story. Last November, we welcomed alumni back for our first homecoming lunch, and the stories and laughter shared that day reminded us how much this community means to so many. This newsletter is the next step in building that alumni network and keeping you close to what God is doing here.

This fall, we are celebrating a 12% increase in enrollment and welcoming new families into the BRCS community. We are also entering our second year back in our original home on Blue Ridge Boulevard, and it has been a gift to watch a new generation of students fill these familiar halls. What hasn't changed is what has always made Blue Ridge special: teachers who know every student by name, a community that shows up for one another, and a steady commitment to guiding and equipping young people to follow Christ in every part of their lives.

We also look back with gratitude. Last spring, our Sowing for Tomorrow scholarship dinner brought friends old and new together to invest in students who might not otherwise have a place at BRCS. In May, we sent off the Class of 2026, and we could not be prouder of where they are headed.

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LOOKING AHEAD

- Our Alumni Event, Saturday, January 30, time TBA. We would love to hear your stories and show you what's growing here.
- Hoops for Hope, Saturday, March 6, 2027, 10:00 AM. Our first 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the BRCS gym. Gather a team (\$175), bring a cheer squad, or support the event as a sponsor. Register at hoopsforhope.brcskc.org by February 20, 2027.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to support the students and mission of Blue Ridge Christian School, we would be grateful for your gift of any size.

- Online: Scan the QR code to make a secure gift by card. (code on last page)
- By mail: Send a check payable to Blue Ridge Christian School to 8524 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138.
- By phone or in person: Contact our school office at (816) 358-0950 to give or to learn about sponsorship and scholarship opportunities.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

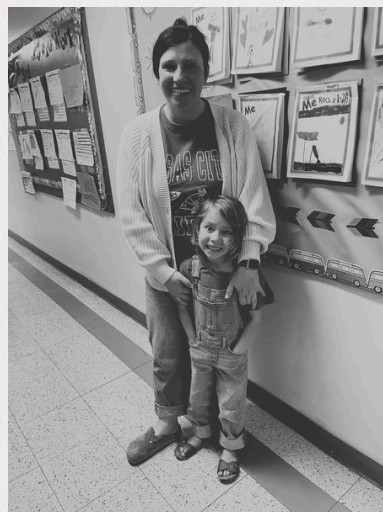
From Student to Teacher:

Victoria Rodgers Returns to BRCS with Her Daughter

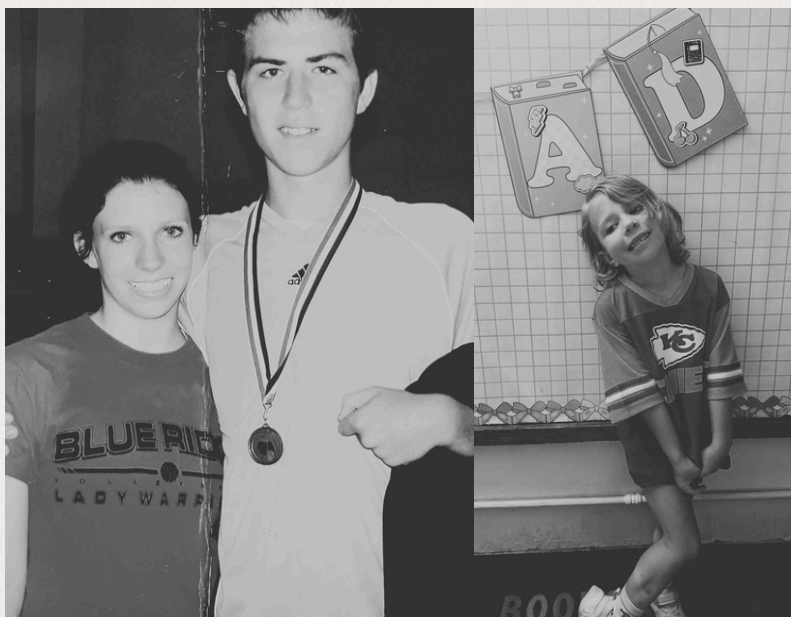
By Sherri Moore

For Victoria (Hyatt) Rodgers, Blue Ridge Christian School has been part of her life for decades. A member of the BRCS Class of 2007, Victoria attended Blue Ridge from second grade through twelfth grade. Currently, she is a middle school science teacher at BRCS, and her daughter, Emma, is beginning her own BRCS journey as a kindergartner. Victoria fondly remembers Christmas concerts, sports trips, and fall afternoons enjoying popcorn on the patio. She also credits her middle school science teacher, Mrs. Zink, with making science fun and helping shape the kind of teacher she wanted to become.

Now, Victoria gets to experience BRCS from both a teacher's and a parent's perspective. She says being at BRCS helped shape her approach to teaching, and she strives to be patient and helpful with her students. For Emma, kindergarten is already off to a great start. Her favorite parts of the day are lunch and recess, and she enjoys playing with her cousin and a new friend. Her teacher, Mrs. Simpson, is "my friend," and Emma is especially excited about learning to read. When asked what she thinks her mom was like as a student, Emma simply replied, "She was like me."



While BRCS has grown and changed since Victoria was a student, she says one important thing has remained the same: "The feeling of family hasn't." All three of Victoria's children attend BRCS, making it especially meaningful for her to see them walking through the same halls she once walked. She describes BRCS as a place where children are "known and loved" and cared for by people who love the Lord. For Victoria, watching her daughter begin her own BRCS story is a special reminder that the school's sense of family can continue from one generation to the next.



FALL SPORTS

Slow Start Leads to Amazing Growth

By Risa Williams

What began as a struggle to put enough players on the field has become a season of growth, goals, and renewed competitiveness for Blue Ridge Christian School's young men's soccer team. After struggling in recent years to field a team, BRCS Warriors now has 16 players on the roster and is showing steady progress on the field.

That growth was evident at the recent Junior High Soccer Tournament, where the boys scored four goals in one game while continuing to battle against experienced opponents. Although they ultimately fell to Cornerstone Family Schools, the tournament showcased a team gaining confidence, developing its skills, and learning to compete together despite a slow start to the season.

Coaches Stephen Wirth and Tamiika Samuel are pouring determination and competitiveness into the team while keeping godly character at the heart of the program. Their goal is to develop not only better soccer players, but young men who demonstrate perseverance, discipline, teamwork, and Christ-like character both on and off the field. For this young team, the season is about building a foundation for the future—one game, one goal, and one lesson at a time.



Volleyball Teams Finish Season Strong

By Risa Williams

Blue Ridge Christian School's volleyball team is heading into the conference tournament ranked No. 3 and playing with confidence. With three seniors leading the charge, the team has developed strong chemistry and is poised for a strong tournament showing. Their leadership and experience will be key as the Lady Warriors look to finish the season on a high note.

The Junior High team also turned in a great showing in its recent tournament, demonstrating how much the players have grown throughout the season. Both teams have worked hard, competed with determination, and encouraged one another every step of the way.

More than the wins and the competition, these athletes have made it a priority to display Christ through their play and their sisterhood on the court. From the youngest players to the seniors, the volleyball program has shown what it means to compete together, support one another, and represent Blue Ridge Christian with faith and character.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Around BRCS:

Life Beyond the Classroom

By Emily Harris

BRCS Theme:

Blue Ridge Christian School's theme for the 2026-2027 school year is "Known, Challenged, Loved." It is based on Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We are thankful that God knows us and loves us, and that He challenges us to grow in Him through each season of our lives. The teachers and staff are committed to doing the same with each and every student this year. We know them by name. We challenge them to learn and improve every day. We love them, no matter what! We know that God is going to do big things with these students in the years to come.

Grandparents Day:

BRCS elementary hosted our annual Grandparents Day chapel on Friday, September 18. The students performed songs that they had prepared, recited poetry and Scripture, and entertained the grandparents with a "Would You Rather?" game and "How to Be a Grandparent." The students and guests got to hear an alum, Austin Henry, speak about God's faithfulness through generations. Austin's grandparents, Paul and Sharon Wieduwilt, were able to be in attendance. The school was able to recognize them as our honorary grandparents! It was an encouraging and heartfelt time for the students, teachers, and friends and family members.



Zoo Field Trip:

BRCS was able to take an all-school field trip to the Kansas City Zoo this September! Kids from PreK all the way through 12th grade were able to attend. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for being outdoors and enjoying the animals. Some kids got to touch the stingrays, while others were able to pet the goats. Some were even able to feed the giraffes! We are always grateful for opportunities to give our students experiences outside of the classroom, especially when we can all be together.



JOIN US IN WHAT GOD IS DOING

God is doing something special at Blue Ridge Christian School. This fall, our enrollment grew by 12%, and we're in our second year back home on Blue Ridge Boulevard. Every new student is an answer to prayer, and each one is also a commitment we take seriously: to make sure every child here is *Known. Challenged. Loved.*

Growth like this is a blessing, and it also asks more of us. Tuition alone doesn't carry the full cost of a BRCS education. The gap is closed by people like you, who believe in what happens inside these walls. Whether you once walked these halls or simply share our mission, would you prayerfully consider a gift this year to help us meet this moment well? Gifts of every size make a difference, and your prayers matter just as much.

Become a Faithful Partner. If you'd like to stand with us all year long, consider becoming a regular supporter. You can give monthly, quarterly, or annually. Steady, dependable gifts help us plan with confidence and keep our focus where it belongs: on our students.

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