

# Groggs Stateside

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## End of School News *Just as the new starts.*

I realize it's been a while since I've written. I honestly didn't think I had much to tell you all until I took a peek at the notes I'd been jotting down. Apparently, we're past due for an update.

Elijah and Nathan wrapped up 10<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades very well. Nathan made the A-B honor roll one quarter last year and Elijah made straight As for the entire thing. That earned her an award for the All-Year Summa Honor Roll.

Nathan



was awarded the LKDQ (Logos Knights Don't Quit) award, which honors students who completed the school year with grit and a good attitude. Only one student was chosen per class. He also earned a National Physical Education. Award.



We were blessed to have Jason's parents visit us at the beginning of May. The Lord timed it just right so they could be here for Logos' Grandparents' Day and Nathan and Elijah's Spring Concerts. We spent a weekend with them at their Airbnb, played games, visited the Farmer's Market, and enjoyed family time.



As school was still wrapping up, Elijah's Biology class toured the University of Idaho's Arboretum,



and Nathan's whole 6<sup>th</sup> grade class went on a bike trip from Plummer to Chatcolet Lake Bridge Lookout on the Coeur d'Alenes trail, a total of about 19 miles. Jason and Karl (Hannah's father-in-law) both tagged along for that one. On their way back to the school, Jason witnesses a car crash where a small vehicle ended up on its side. He removed two small children from the vehicle, who thankfully

weren't hurt and then righted it on its wheels, along with a handful of other men.

Sadly, right before finals, Elijah's cat, Griffin, ate something she shouldn't have and passed away.

This weekend, Elijah and I found ourselves shopping school supplies in preparation for her 11<sup>th</sup> grade and Nathan's 7<sup>th</sup> grade years. The summer, which started out slow, has now sped by. They begin August 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a full-load at Logos, Elijah has a foreign language class (Latin) online with Kepler Education. This is a credit she was missing and it's required for her to graduate.

## Summer Events

*Seemed like a whole lot of nothing, 'til I wrote it all down.*

With Jason finally having a full-time job, we now have insurance so I jumped in and set up family and eye doctor appointments for everyone. Talk about a busy two weeks! I should have spread them out a bit more. Everyone is in good health, by the way.

Gracia has been drawing and for two weeks in July she helped cater for the Called Conference. That was pretty neat since it was this conference in 2023 that first brought the girls to Moscow Idaho, New Saint Andrews College, and Christ Church. Little did we know what that would





lead to. Gracia also started spending a bit of time with a troublesome goat, Apa, before he got rehomed.

Elijah has been plodding a steady course through two years' worth of math (Geometry and Algebra 2) so she can join her peers in Pre-Calculus this year.

Nathan's summer has consisted of yard work, cleaning out a barn that had a couple decades of hay and manure built up in it, volunteering on the Washington, Idaho, and Montana railroad where he has helped with the rails, farmer crossings (*below pic*) and



the diesel itself. In July, he helped move a 19-car lumber train from Palouse, WA to Bennet Lumber in Princeton, ID. He also helped his dad fix the brake lights on the suburban we're borrowing, dabbled on my clarinet, and has probably been playing too many computer games.

Jason was given responsibility of his own service truck at CHS. Since then, he's been tweaking it to his liking, making much needed repairs on it (like the brakes, which it didn't have)



and fixing things at the farm, like the hay lift. Now that harvest is upon us, he's been working 12-to-13-hour days, unloading grain into the CHS bins for local farmers. He's currently stationed at Estes, which is just north of Moscow. Another fun thing he started doing is running sound for Christ Church. Normally he only does first service, which we attend, but sometimes he's needed for second as well. Last Sunday, he started teaching the girls how to run it.

As for me, I did apply for two jobs but didn't get either. Since I'm helping fund the kids' tuition by subbing at Logos, my free-time for a job is somewhat limited. Speaking of subbing, in June I attended Logos' Annual Teacher Training. That was a three-day conference with many helpful



workshops and was attended by teachers from all over the nation. During the Music Festival Palouse, Meet the Instruments, sponsored by

Christ Church, I introduced a lot of very interested kids to the clarinet. When I was first asked to do this, I refused, thinking it was out of my league. However, the Lord wouldn't let me and I finally agreed. It was a great time sharing the love of music with so many musicians and kids.

A couple things we did together was the Defund Planned

Parenthood



protest over in Washington. It was

a nation-wide protest, organized by Live Action and implemented locally by Kirker\* Sidewalk Ministries (of Christ Church). And even though we were here in Moscow last July, we were prepping for a wedding and too busy to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. This year, we went and was it amazing! The parade was started



by Kirkers\* only a handful of years ago and also sponsored by them. The goodies being handed (or thrown) out weren't just your normal candies, but small pies, American flags, pizza, hot dogs,

popsicles and more! Finally, to help more around the Hakimian house over the summer, each of us Grogg gals has taken one day each week to prepare supper. I have Friday and we do pizza, Elijah makes chicken alfredo on Thursday and Gracia takes Wednesday, sometimes making chicken nuggets, sometimes spaghetti.

\* So just what is a Kirker? Here's the best I can do for you: Kirker is derived from the Scottish word Kirk, meaning church. Locally it has come to be known as anyone who has a vision of a patriarchal, theologically conservative Christian community that emphasizes classical Christian education, traditional gender roles, and a commitment to influencing society through service rather than coercion. In a nutshell, the CREC community.

## Legal Updates

### American Airlines & the Kids' Lawsuit

Jason small claims against American Airlines for denying his flight to Dominica for his trial, has had several interesting turns.



*Legal Update con't...*

They are refusing to settle and refusing to give any legitimate paperwork, so it's going to trial early in September.

As for the lawsuit against the Dominica government for our kids, our lawyer got all the hundreds of papers (400 pages) filed in high court for when this goes to trial, at a still unknown date. We do know the pre-trial date is sometime in November.

And then there's the Custom's charges against Jason. You know, those ones that the Director of Public Prosecution told the Magistrate she dropped, at the court hearing Jason was supposed to be at? Those charges? She's not dropping them. Jason was able to call in to a radio program on the Dominica Broadcasting Network and actually talk to her (she didn't know right away it was him). You can listen to the clip [here](#).

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## *Saved the Best for Last*



Benjamin and Hannah are having a boy! They're planning on naming him Felix. A baby shower is planned for August 16<sup>th</sup>. If

anyone would like to bless them, her wish list can be found [here](#).

## *Jesus is King!*

Until next time, the *Groggs*

*Header Pic: A canola field in full bloom near Estes, Idaho.*

*Bottom Pic: Nathan and his friend, Christian, on the front of the 1838, pulling the lumber cars.*

