



CAI CONNECTION

The mission of Christian Academy is to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men.

August 5, 2016

Attention Elementary Parents

Dismissal Procedures Changing Monday, August 8th

After evaluating the safety and logistics of our afternoon dismissal procedures, we will be making the following changes:

We will have indoor dismissal procedures daily to improve safety (rainy day dismissal).

We are rearranging the dismissal order to improve logistics/traffic flow.

K and JA Part-Day afternoon will dismiss from the west hallway door (left end of building)

1st will dismiss from the exterior library door

2nd will dismiss from the right side of the foyer

3rd will dismiss from the office hallway door

4th and 5th will dismiss from the east hallway door (right end of building)

Please have your yellow car tag displayed at the top of your front windshield or the driver's side window.

There will be grade level signs posted for each location.

Older siblings will be with the youngest sibling.

Library News

Reading Celebration Day is next Wednesday, August 10. All elementary students may dress up as a **book character** to join in the celebration of reading! Please choose characters carefully to avoid any controversy or confusion. A good guideline is that if we don't have that book in our elementary library, it may not be appropriate to dress up as that character. With scripture as our guide, we don't want to be a stumbling block to one another. Please call or e-mail Mrs. Hock with questions, mhock@caschools.us.

Students who **completed** the Christian Academy "Wild & Wacky Weather" summer reading program have received an invitation to lunch in the library on that same Wednesday. All students who participated in our summer reading program at any level and turned it in on time will receive prizes. Congratulations, readers!

HS/MS News

Schedule Changes-HS/MS class schedule changes must be finalized by August 9th.

Daily Announcements-Parents can now view the HS/MS daily announcements from your Renweb account. You can see what we announce to your children each day for upcoming meetings and events.



Warrior 4-Miler-Saturday, August 13, at 8am. Bring the entire family to run the race! Register online at <http://www.warrior4miler.com>. The registration fee of \$30 includes a race shirt and goodie bag. After the race enjoy KFC sandwiches, inflatable fun and music from WAY-FM plus \$2,500 in door prizes. There are prizes per age category, as well as the top overall male and female winners.

If you are a Christian Academy student or faculty member, you are eligible for a discounted rate of \$15 and your discount code is CASF16 until Thursday, August 11, until 11:59pm.

Calendar Highlights

August	5	HS/MS Teacher Meet & Greet 5:00-6:00 PM
		The Event for HS/MS 6:00-8:00 PM
	13	CAI Warrior 4-Miler 8:00 AM
	16	Picture Day for K-12 and JA 3's
	17	Picture Day for JA 4's

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Elementary News

Chapel-This week Mrs. Amber Cook talked to the students about having a heart for God. She explained to them that our mission at Christian Academy is to develop students with a heart for God and that they could join in this mission.

Picture Day Dress-On August 16, students may dress up for picture day. No t-shirts, sleeveless, or spaghetti straps. Leggings are not pants appropriate for school. They can be worn with a dress or skirt. Shorts, dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Your child must have tennis shoes to change into for recess and for PE.

Wednesday morning prayer group-Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 in the elementary conference room to pray for our students, teachers and families.

News from the Nurse

As your school nurse, you know I want you to keep ill students home, but I want to spotlight the importance of school attendance. Regular and punctual attendance is essential for success as a student. Absences interrupt the smooth and complete process of learning. Proper education relies on continuity of instruction, classroom participation, learning experiences, student-teacher interaction, and structured study. It is important for students to always be on time to school and class. Being prompt demonstrates self-discipline, responsibility, and maturity. These qualities are not only important for proper academic achievement, but they are essential for the development of good habits, which are characteristic of success and good citizenship in every walk of life.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. Regular school attendance is necessary for youth to develop into well-educated adults who will make a significant contribution to society.

- Your child can suffer academically if they miss even 10 percent of the school year or about 18 days. That can be just one day every couple weeks; those missed days can add up before you know it.
- We urge students to be present every day, but recognize that some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. We want students to stay home with fevers and/or vomiting/diarrhea and be 24 hours illness free before returning to school.
- Preschool is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Young children with poor attendance in preschool also lose out on valuable learning time and if chronic absence continues into kindergarten, it can pull down academic achievement.
- Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years.
- By middle and high school, chronic absenteeism is a leading warning sign that a student might drop out.
- Too many absent or tardy students can affect the whole classroom, slowing down instruction.
- Families should avoid extended vacations that require your children to miss school. Try to line up vacations with the school's schedule. The same goes for doctor's and dentist appointments.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. For younger children, make sure they get 9 to 11 hours of sleep. You can lay out clothes and pack lunches and backpacks the night before. For older children, you can help them develop homework and bedtime routines that allow for 8 ½ to 9 ½ hours of sleep. Make sure that when the lights go out, so do the cell phones, TVs, video games and computers.
- Above all, set an example for your child. Show him or her that attendance matters to you and that you won't allow an absence unless someone is truly sick. Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child on into adulthood.

Kroger Community Rewards

Earn dollars for CAI with Kroger purchases-Thank you to everyone who participates in the **Kroger Community Rewards**! Supporters currently enrolled **must re-enroll** in August. Please log into your Kroger.com account to re-enroll. Supporters that do not re-enroll by end of day August 31 will drop from the program and purchases will no longer benefit the CAI PTO. Once enrolled, CAI earns a percentage of all items purchased at Kroger and JayC Food Stores. **How to RE-ENROLL or ENROLL A NEW CARD in Kroger Community Rewards:**

- Go to www.Kroger.com
- Click the blue **Sign In** tab at top of the page.
- Enter your **email address** and **password** and click the blue **Sign In** tab.
- From the department menu, click Community, then Community Rewards
- From **Community Rewards**, click on the **Edit or Re-enroll** button.
- a) **Find Christian Academy of Indiana** b) **Select Organization** (Click the button to the left of the CAI. C) **Click the Save button**