



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School  
March 2017

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- March 9 – March 11  
**HS Spring Play, "Wizard of Oz",  
Nightly Performances at 7 p.m.,  
Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets  
can be purchased on-line at  
[www.cal.booktix.com](http://www.cal.booktix.com)**
- March 6 – March 10  
**Middle School Teacher Appreciation  
Week!**
- March 6  
**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Field Trip to KMEA,  
1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**
- March 8  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Field Trip to KMEA,  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
- March 10  
**End of Quarter 3!**
- March 10  
**PTO Race for Education & \$2.00  
Sweatpants/Jeans/CAL Hoodie Day!**
- March 13 – March 17  
**Missions Week!!!**
- March 13  
**Quarter 4 Begins!**
- March 13  
**MS Instrumental KMEA Preview,  
6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium**
- March 16  
**MS Art Show, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.,  
ES Campus**
- March 17  
**Q3 Report Card Grades Available On-  
Line in RenWeb for Parents to View**
- March 22  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, D.C. Parent  
Meeting, 6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium**
- March 27  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Creation  
Museum, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**
- March 31  
**Student Council Sponsored \$2.00  
Sweatpants/Jeans/CAL Hoodie Day!!!**
- March 31  
**LAST Day to Order MS Yearbooks**

## TERRA NOVA TESTING

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord,  
not for human masters." Colossians 3:23*

In order to be an accredited school through AdvancED and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), yearly achievement tests must be administered. The **TerraNova** achievement exam was selected four years ago by the Christian Academy School System to fulfill this testing requirement. **TerraNova** is a series of standardized achievement tests used in the United States designed to assess K-12 student achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, vocabulary, spelling and Bible. Our students' 2015 results qualified our school to be a National Blue Ribbon School!

On April 18-21, our students will be taking this **TerraNova** achievement exam once again. In addition to the high quality instruction our teachers deliver on a daily basis, we will also incorporate "Enrichment Days" throughout the month of March to help our students perform their best.

These "Enrichment Days" have been scheduled through each department (Language Arts/Literature, Math, Science and Social Studies) to provide additional work in areas in which according to trends from past results, our students traditionally struggle. In addition, through Bible class, our students will study the biblical purpose of doing their best and through elective classes, students will be provided general test taking tips.

In addition to the work at school, you can reinforce concepts at home as well! We have found the following educational enrichment sites to be valuable resources for parents: [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org), [ck12.org](http://ck12.org) and [sheppardsoftware.com](http://sheppardsoftware.com). Each of these sites offers grade specific tutorials on all disciplines. I encourage you to look through them with your child and reinforce the learning taking place at school. We appreciate the opportunity to walk beside you in the education of your child and the privilege of watching them grow both spiritually and academically.

---Larry A. Wooldridge, Middle School Principal

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: MARCH 6 – MARCH 10

Middle School Teacher Appreciation Week will be held **next week, March 6-10**. Teacher Appreciation Week is a way for students to encourage, support, and thank their teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. The Student Council has raised money to surprise their teachers with gifts and treats each day. Students are encouraged to bring small items according to the theme of each day and give it to any middle school teacher they would like to thank (please see the daily themes below or [click here](#) for a printable flyer). **Participation is optional, as well as, the level of participation.** This is a small act that brings great joy to our teachers!

Monday, March 6  
Tuesday, March 7  
Wednesday, March 8  
Thursday, March 9  
Friday, March 10

*Encouraging Note Day (write a note of thanks)*  
*Pampering Day (bring in travel or regular size items)*  
*Sweet and Salty Day (bring in a sweet or salty snack)*  
*School Supplies Day (bring in a favorite school supply)*  
*Gift Card Day (Restaurant, Starbucks, Target, etc.)*

If you have any questions about a gift/treat for a teacher, please contact the middle school receptionist, Kim Novicki, at [knovicki@caschools.us](mailto:knovicki@caschools.us). Thank you in advance for showing your love and support to our teachers! **Please remember participation is optional.**

--Melissa Patrick, Middle School Counselor

## MISSIONS IN MARCH

Missions March is here! This year all of the money we raise during Missions Week will go directly to a Louisville based child sponsorship organization called *Gospel and Grain*. This organization seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of 152 children in Ethiopia by providing warm meals and after school tutoring, meeting health needs, and teaching the Gospel in word and deed. Our financial gifts will fund each of these avenues of ministry for the children.

**During the week of March 13-17**, your student(s) will have the opportunity to raise money in their grade level all week and also pay to dress according to themes below.

Monday, March 13	-	Pajama Day (\$2.00)
Tuesday, March 14	-	Flip Flops or Sliders (\$1.00)
Wednesday, March 15	-	Hoodie Day (\$1.00)
Thursday, March 16	-	Sweatpants Day (\$2.00)
Friday, March 17	-	Fan Day – CAL or favorite Sports Team (\$1.00)

[Click here](#) for a printable flyer. If you have any questions, please contact me at [dvandiver@caschools.us](mailto:dvandiver@caschools.us).

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ART SHOW

There will be an Art Show on **Thursday, March 16 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at the English Station Campus featuring art work from some of our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have taken Art class this year. For those students who participated, their art work will be framed and can be purchased for \$25.00 which is payable by cash, check (made payable to CAL) or credit card. All proceeds will go towards the Missions organization, *Gospel and Grain*. Please [click here](#) for a printable flyer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [tboehnlein@caschools.us](mailto:tboehnlein@caschools.us).

---Tiffany Boehnlein, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Teacher

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS RESOURCES

I just read an insightful article about dyslexia – written by an adult reflecting back on schooling years (<https://www.understood.org/en/community-events/blogs/the-inside-track/2016/07/22/am-i-cheating-the-shame-i-felt-using-accommodations-for-dyslexia>). This good news is that there are a variety of ways to help students. Assistive technology can be very helpful. Another is to strengthen the pathways of thinking, in turn making schooling an easier process through the techniques used by The National Institute for Learning Development ([www.nild.org](http://www.nild.org)) and offered at Christian Academy.

--Susan Evans, Academic Support Teacher & Supervisor



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