

MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School
November 2016



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- November 4
Student Council Sponsored Jeans Day! \$1.00 to wear Jeans and a CAL T-Shirt or \$2.00 to wear Jeans, CAL T-shirt and ANY SHOE.
- November 7
MS/HS Percussion Ensemble Concert, 6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium
- November 8
Teacher In-Service Day/ No School for Students
- November 9
Veterans Day Chapel, 10 a.m., ES Auditorium
- November 10
English Station Open House, 6-8 p.m.
- November 14
Q2 Progress Report Grades Available to View Online
- November 15
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due
- November 15
MS FCA, Blue Gym, 7:30-8 a.m.
- November 18
Student Council Sponsored Jeans Day! \$1.00 Jeans with a CAL T-Shirt or \$2.00 with Sweats and a CAL Hoodie/T-Shirt
- November 23-November 25
Thanksgiving Holiday!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

I encourage you to take in every moment this Thanksgiving....every sight, sound, smell, taste and touch that God sends your way, I pray you capture. Slow down, step back and marvel at God's work in your life....take notice of the little things...one day they will mean the world to you...enjoy!!!

Psalm 100 (NKJV) **A Psalm of Thanksgiving**

*"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His Name.
For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations."*

---Larry A. Wooldridge, MS Principal

VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

Our annual **Veterans Day Chapel** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9, at 10 a.m. in the English Station Auditorium.** We would like to invite all veterans and families to join us for a time of celebration as our students honor those who have served our country in the armed forces, focusing on Christian Academy families! Additionally, we are inviting veterans from our community to join us, even if they do not have family ties to Christian Academy. So, please invite family friends, community members or church members who have served in the armed forces to join us as well.

There will be a **reception** in the Grand Hallway before the service from **9:15 a.m. until the service begins at 10 a.m.** To RSVP for the reception, please e-mail me, Dallas Vandiver at dvandiver@caschools.us with your name and the number of guests attending by **Friday, November 4, 2016.**

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is upon us! We have a wonderful opportunity to participate in world missions by preparing shoeboxes which will be delivered by Samaritan's Purse, a mission's organization led by Franklin Graham. This organization gathers thousands of shoeboxes from across the U.S. in order to take them to countries around the world. Samaritan's Purse takes the boxes to children in order to show children the love of Christ at the same time as they proclaim the love of Christ in the Gospel.

Our school has the opportunity to participate in gathering shoeboxes through their Connect classes. The due date for the boxes is **Tuesday, November 15**. Your student will have a brochure which outlines the kinds of gifts which can be included in the shoebox. Thank you for your generosity and partnership in the Gospel! I am praying that our school can send many, many boxes with the love of Christ on behalf of Christian Academy.

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

THANKSGIVING!

A celebration of thanks for the bounty! My international friends love this American holiday because of the traditions and the food. However, America is so broad that the food traditions range from sweet potato pie, turkey, venison, shrimp and/or fish, cranberries and apples and so much more. Essentially, anything and typically too much is brought to the table and if you do not have a family to celebrate with, most families and communities will invite you to be a part of their celebration. So what are you thankful for? It is a wonderful time to take a moment and reflect on it as you watch your favorite CAL sport, performing arts group or participate in another school function which honors our students. I am thankful for all of our families and educators. In particular, how all have come together to create this Christian Education opportunity for our children. Thanksgiving really is the result of understanding trials, persecutions both of which are part of our life at a different time. As Christians, we rise above those times and mature in our faith knowing the blessings from God outweigh them. James 1:2-4 says, *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."* (NIV)

Enjoy the holiday and remember to say Thanks! God is good!

---Dr. Karen Estep, MS Assistant Principal

CHRISTMAS WREATH SILENT AUCTION

Our Connect classes are creating Christmas Wreaths which will be displayed on each teacher's door from **November 28, through December 14**. The fun part is that each wreath will be available for purchase through a Silent Auction! The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to a local charity to help serve our community during the holiday season. So...I encourage you to stop by the school to see what your child's Connect class has created and to bid on the wreath.

The wreaths will also be on display **Monday, December 5; Tuesday, December 6; and Tuesday, December 13**, during our Fine Arts Program Christmas concerts. The Silent Auction will take place on **Monday, November 28, through Wednesday, December 14!**

We hope you stop by and see the beautiful wreaths our students have created!

---Larry A. Wooldridge, MS Principal

ACADEMIC TIP

Understood.org has a wealth of helpful information for parents about understanding learning and attention issues. Some of the information may apply in a private school setting.

How does it FEEL to have reading issues? Click on the link, (<https://www.understood.org/en>) watch as the banner changes, then click on EXPERIENCE A SIMULATION. Are you finding this website helpful? I would love to hear your feedback! sevans@caschools.us.



---Susan Evans, Academic Support Teacher & Supervisor



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