



MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School
October 2016

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- October 7
End of First Quarter!
- October 7
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00
Jeans Day with CAL Shirt or \$2.00
Jeans Day with Hoodie**
- October 10 & 11
Fall Break/No School!
- October 12
Quarter 2 Begins!
- October 12 - 14
Spirit Week!
- October 18
FCA, 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m., Blue Gym
- October 18
**Q1 Report Cards Distributed to
Students**
- October 20
**MS Orchestra & Band Concert,
6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium**
- October 21
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00
Jeans Day with CAL Shirt or \$2.00
Jeans Day with Hoodie**
- October 28
**8th Grade High School Kick-Off
Day! "Free" Jeans Day for 8th
Grade Students ONLY**
- October 31
**8th Grade Conference/Identity:
Your Desire, Their Demands, His
Design**

"THE PROVERB'S CHALLENGE"

*"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not
your mother's teaching." Proverbs 1:8*

For the past two years, I have been participating in "The Proverb's Challenge." "The Proverb's Challenge" is simple...read the chapter that corresponds with the appropriate day of the week. For example, October 1st would lead to a reading of Proverbs 1, October 2nd...Proverbs 2 and so on. Although, I have read through Proverbs for the past 24 months, each day God reveals something new to me. His word never ceases to amaze! When I came across Proverbs 1:8, I was struck by the overwhelming responsibility we have as parents. We are instructed to "hear" our father's instruction and "forsake not" our mother's teaching. Just as we learned from our parents, our children are learning from us. WE are now the fathers and mothers! Everything from how we drive to school in the morning to how we discuss our day at night...is setting an example. Everything from the shows we watch to the books we read...are under review. I don't know about you, but this scares me to death...and I have slowed down! I challenge you to ask the question, "What is my child learning from me?" Our actions as well as our words send a powerful message.

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to partner with you in your child's education. I wish you peace in the month of October.

---Larry A. Wooldridge, MS/HS Principal

FALL: SCHOOL, SPORTS, AND CAL!

Can you believe we have completed two months of school at this time? It is my first year here at CAL and I am focused on the theme for the year: Keeping Christ the center of our attention. Yet how do we do this with everything we are participating in and focusing on? I would encourage all of us to look to Luke 2:52 which is also our school system's mission's statement: And Jesus grew in wisdom (School), stature (Sports), and favor with both God and Man (CAL). Yes, we believe that CAL offers the opportunity for each of our students to have a whole education and provides a community of faith in which to practice that faith. Have a blessed year and enjoy our community at CAL!

---Dr. Karen Estep, MS/HS Assistant Principal

HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Are you ready for high school? Christian Academy 8th grade students will be attending our High School Kick-Off event on **Friday, October 28**, at the English Station campus. During these few hours, students will learn about what Christian Academy High School has to offer in athletics, fine arts, missions, campus ministries, and clubs. They will have time to talk to high

school students and visit classrooms. Students will be given a t-shirt to wear and it will be a "Free Jeans Day." This is always an exciting day for our 8th grade students to learn why Christian Academy High School is such a wonderful place to go to school!

---Larry A. Wooldridge, MS/HS Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL FCA

Middle School FCA is returning to CAL and ALL middle school students are invited! They will meet once a month in the Blue Gym before school from 7:30 a.m.– 8 a.m. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Tuesday, October 18
Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, December 13

Tuesday, January 17
Tuesday, February 14
Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, May 9

8TH GRADE CONFERENCE

Identity: Your Desire, Their Demands, His Design – Ephesians 2:10

We are preparing for our 3rd annual 8th grade conference scheduled for October 31. The past two years, this conference has taken place in the Spring, but will occur in the Fall this year.

The goal of the conference is to leave students with an understanding that each life has “a do, a be, and a have” that God intends to fill for His glory and our satisfaction. However, our own natural desire(s), as well as others’ demands of us, often compete with the “good work” God is doing in and through us.

While this event occurs during the school day, the time resembles a conference format:

- Breakfast (provided)
- Registration (with gift)
- Main Speaker
- 3 Breakout Sessions
- Lunch
- Closing Session
- Debrief

What can you do? Pray. Pray that we give God the proper space He wants to show that “we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works that He has prepared in advance.”

---Chad Foster, MS/HS Assistant Principal

VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

Our annual **Veterans Day Chapel** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9, at 10 a.m.** 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.

If you have a picture of a veteran that you would like honored at this service, please use the [Veterans Form](#) to submit a photo and information **no later than Friday, October 21**. If you have problems or questions, you may contact Mrs. Daniels, the middle school computer teacher at kdaniels@caschools.us.

The photo needs to be less than 10mb in order to go through our web system. If you are unsure of the size of your picture, contact Mrs. Daniels directly. Due to the large number of submissions each year, we will need to enforce the **October 21, cutoff**.

If submitting a picture by this date will be a problem or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Daniels. Thank you for your assistance. We do hope to have you join us for the service even if you are not able to submit a picture.

There will be a **reception** in the Grand Hallway before the service from **9:15 a.m. until the service begins**. To RSVP for the reception, please email me, Dallas Vandiver, at dvandiver@caschools.us with your name and the number of guests attending by **Wednesday, November 2**.

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

SPIRIT WEEK

Following Fall Break, CAL Middle School will be sponsoring Spirit Week. This is a fun and exciting week for students to participate in activities to show their school spirit. We will offer a number of fun events for students to participate in and we will end the week with a Middle School pep rally. During the pep rally, the Spirit Stick will be awarded to the grade level that demonstrates the most school spirit during the week. One way that students can earn points for their grade is to participate in special dress days (see the following overview and [click here](#) for more details).

Wednesday, October 12: Pajama Day: Long flannel or cotton bottoms, as well as, sweatpants are allowed. No jeans, silk, or nylon pants or tops. All tops must be modest. Flannel and sleeved cotton shirts are acceptable, but tank tops of any kind are not. House shoes and flip-flops are allowed on this day.

Thursday, October 13: Disney Character Day: Extra spirit points will be awarded to students who select the same movie and collaborate.

Friday, October 14: CAL Spirit Day: Wear any clothing with a CAL logo. Hoodies, hats, jeans, and athletic wear allowed (must have sleeves). CAL Pink Out shirts will count towards spirit points also. Tennis shoes or Sperry like shoes only. Any apparel that represents any other public or private school is not allowed. **Face painting and dyed hair (which washes out) are allowed on this day ONLY.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Middle School Office at (502) 244-3225, extension 1034. Please refer to the Middle School Student Agenda (pages 9-11) for Dress Code policies. The Middle School Administration reserves the right to ask any student dressed inappropriately to change.

---Melissa Patrick, Middle School Counselor

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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

Five helpful resources for free audio books for qualifying students can be found by going to www.understood.org and searching for this article:



Where to Find Free Audiobooks and Digital Text-to-Speech Books for Your Child

Key Takeaways

- It can help your child to listen to a book being read aloud as she looks at the words printed on the page.
- A Bookshare membership is free for students with a documented reading disability.
- There are many online sites with free audiobooks and digital books.

Students reading below grade level may need additional intervention to get “up to speed” in ability to decode and comprehend independently. Christian Academy of Louisville has a reading program that helps with this. If your child is reading below grade level, feel free to contact me to discuss further: sevans@caschools.us

---Susan Evans, Academic Support Teacher & Supervisor



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Serving to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and men.