

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School  
November 2017



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November 7  
**Parent Meeting, "Raising genZ. What Christian Parents Need to Know", 6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium**

November 9  
**Veterans Day Chapel, 9 a.m., ES Auditorium**

November 10  
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00 Jeans/\$2.00 Sweatpants Day!**

November 13  
**Q2 Progress Report Grades Available to View Online**

November 14  
**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due**

November 14  
**FCA, 7:30-8 a.m., Blue Gym**

November 14  
**English Station Open House, 6-8 p.m.**

November 17  
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00 Jeans/\$2.00 Sweatpants/\$2.00 CAL Only Hoodie/\$3.00 Sweatpants & CAL Only Hoodie Day!**

November 22-24  
**Thanksgiving Holiday!**

November 27-December 13  
**Gift Basket Silent Auction!**

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

It's that time of year when we are reminded to give thanks for the blessings we have. The Holidays are also a time when we can be sad as well – health issues to manage or perhaps the loss of a loved one. I was reminded of 1Thessalonians 5:18: *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* I find comfort in knowing that God has a plan for me and for you. Let's remember to be thankful! Happy Thanksgiving!

---Bryce Hibbard, MS Principal

## VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

We are so thankful to celebrate and thank those who have fought and died for our nation by our annual **Veterans Day Chapel, this Thursday, November 9, at 9 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! We will hold a **reception** in the Grand Hallway before the service from **8 a.m. until the service begins at 9 a.m.**

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

## UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

In conjunction with our ESMS theme of J.O.Y., I wanted to inform you about two upcoming service project/mission opportunities.

(1) **Individual Family Opportunity** - Orphan Care Alliance (a Gospel ministry in Louisville that works to serve and share the Gospel with orphans and foster parents) is hosting an Orphan Care Sunday at ALL ZAXBY's LOCATIONS throughout Louisville this **Sunday, November 12.** Ten percent of all proceeds on Sunday will go to aiding Orphan Care alliance in their work. For more on OCA, see <http://orphancarealliance.org/>.

(2) **Connect Class Project** – Our Connect classes are working to prepare Operation Christmas Child boxes! We are always thankful to participate in giving gifts to children on the other side of the world so that those who deliver the gifts may tell the recipients about the gift of salvation from sin through faith in Jesus. Stay tune to your student's teachers for more info on what to bring to class. **The boxes are due Tuesday, November 14.**

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

## CHRISTMAS BASKET SILENT AUCTION

Our Connect classes are creating Christmas Baskets this year that will be available for bid 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.

The Silent Auction will take place **November 27, through December 13**. Each Connect teacher will take a picture of their completed basket, make a list of the items in the basket and e-mail it to their Connect parents giving them the opportunity to "bid" by e-mail.

The baskets will also be on display **Monday, December 4; Tuesday, December 5; Thursday, December 7 and Monday, December 11**, during our Fine Arts Program Christmas concerts. If you would like to place a bid on a basket, bid sheets will be located on each table.

The Silent Auction will end on **Wednesday, December 13, at 3 p.m.** If you placed the highest bid, you will be contacted by the middle school office. You may pick up your basket in the middle school office on **Thursday, December 14, Tuesday, December 15, Monday, December 18 or Tuesday, December 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

---Bryce Hibbard, MS Principal

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL?

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

We are thankful the 6<sup>th</sup> graders come to school ready and eager to learn! **In History**, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade has jumped into their time machines once again and this time have landed in...Ancient Greece! We are working out the answers to the questions: What is power and who should have it? Along our journey, we will be having a Greek Feast, choosing who to go into battle with – Athens or Sparta and debating the "greatness" of Alexander the Great. After that, we will journey to Ancient India before returning to the present day for Christmas Break! **In Bible**, beginning in November, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Bible classes will join Moses as he tries to convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrew go. We will explore the ten plagues and the connection to Passover, as well as, trying to wander in the wilderness without grumbling as much as the Israelites. Our next unit of study after that will be Joshua where we will follow him into the Promised Land. **In Math**, the students will have a test over ratios, rates, and proportions on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. **In Science**, we are continuing our exciting engineering unit. The students have come up with an idea for a hobby organizer and will build their prototype and present their ideas to the class. They have wonderful and creative ideas! **In Literature**, this November, sixth grade students will be finishing up the Sequence of Events unit, which examines how major historical events can impact and parallel the order in which a character's life develops. Book Chats and oral presentations based on student-selected books will take place later in the month. **In Language Arts**, students will continue to learn vocabulary words based on Latin and Greek roots, as well as, adding to their knowledge of adverbs, adjectives, compound, and complex sentences. Students will also be given the opportunity to collaborate with their peers to create a short story via Storybird, an on-line picture book development site.

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

This month, as we enter a time of Thanksgiving and the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Mr. Daniels, one of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers, would like to share his first Operation Christmas Child experience.

*My first experience with an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox was not on the sending end, but on the receiving end in the ruins of a small burnt out village in Christmas 1999. The village was home to several thousand people who had just returned home after many months of war. When the villagers were finally allowed to return home, few private homes were still standing. Most lived in tents or patched together cabins. It was the middle of winter with snow on the ground. They had no harvest stored up and little firewood stored up for the winter. I was there as part of a mission team to refurbish and equip a former store into a small school to be used by our full-time missionaries to offer classes in computer, English and Bible.*

*One day, the Chaplain of the local UN peacekeeping unit stopped by to ask for help. A shipment of Christmas packages from a group called Samaritan's Purse had arrived. He had received instructions to try to get a package to every family with children in the valley! What an amazing thing to be part of as we watched kids open up these*

*shoeboxes full of different childhood treasures. We managed to get one to every family that we knew of. It made a huge difference that Christmas and in the years to come.*

*For centuries, this had traditionally been a Muslim village, but thanks to those Christmas Child Shoeboxes and the other acts of service and love showed to them by our full-time missionaries, this is now a Christian village with a growing church. Your Christmas Child Shoebox can have a similar eternal impact on a child to help Christ's love to them.*

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**History Happenings:** Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Town Hall Meeting is about to begin. The Loyalists and Patriots will debate their stance on independence and see if they can persuade the Neutrals to choose a side. During several class periods, eighth grade students will be learning about historical figures and preparing to debate their stance on whether to fight for independence from Britain or stay loyal to the Crown.

**English Endeavors:** "Organization" is our key word this month in English! Students are composing "How To....." speeches during the month of November that they will have the opportunity to present during December. Our topics range from "How to Tap Dance" to "How to Train a Dog." We look forward to seeing your student shine in his or her area of expertise!



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