



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

English Station Middle School  
October 2017

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 6  
**End of Quarter 1**

October 9  
**Beginning of Quarter 2**

October 12-October 14  
**HS Fall Play "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe".**  
**Performances are at 7 p.m. each evening with a Matinee at 2 p.m. on October 14. Prices are \$10.00 for evening performances and \$5.00 for the Matinee.**

October 13  
**Parents able to view Quarter 1 Report Grades Online in RenWeb**

October 13  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Kick-Off Day!**

October 16  
**HS/MS Band & Orchestra Concert (Grades 7-12), 6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium**

October 17  
**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band/Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m., ES Auditorium**

October 19-24  
**Fall Break!**

October 27  
**Student Council Sponsored \$1.00 Jeans/\$2.00 CAL ONLY Hoodie Day!**

October 30  
**MS/HS Parent Meeting, "Understanding the MS/HS Social Experience", 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., ES Auditorium**

## LESSONS FROM THE "WALL" AT CALMS

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6*

I don't know if you have heard from your student, but CALMS now has a Prayer Wall. It was an idea that grew out of a conversation by students during a Student Council meeting. Several people chipped in to make it happen. Over the past two weeks, prayers are written on Post-it notes and stuck to the board. On Friday's, those prayers are taken by staff members to pray over during the weekend. My purpose for sharing this is two-fold: 1. to share how this process is growing the "hearts" of our staff for your student by participating, and 2. to encourage each of you as parents to spend time in prayer for your student and our school. Colossians 4:2 reminds us to "devote yourselves to prayer, being WATCHFUL and THANKFUL."

God is a God of second chances. I didn't pray so often for my son and daughter due to my career and chasing the next rung – but my second chance comes in the form of my precious grandson whom I pray for consistently. Above, I capitalized WATCHFUL, with today in mind and the darkness that is out there, parents must be even more diligent about prayer and petition for their children – Our children.

---Bryce Hibbard, MS Principal

## HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF

**Are you ready for high school?** Christian Academy 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending our High School Kick-Off event on **Friday, October 13**, 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn why Christian Academy High School is such a wonderful place to go to school!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL PARENT MEETING

**On Monday, October 30, from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the English Station Auditorium**, the Middle and High School Counseling Departments will present: "Understanding the Middle/High School Social Experience." The social life of pre-teens and teenagers can be difficult to navigate. Students today are significantly influenced by their digital involvement with social media, gaming, and messaging. This digital influence can bring with it a unique set of challenges. As parents, it is important to be aware of how to navigate student conflict and to stay up-to-date with the latest technology to encourage healthy boundaries and usage for your student.

### Topics will include:

- \*Understanding social conflict
- \*Trending social media sites
- \*Digital reputation and why it matters
- \*Legal issues surrounding social media use

**If you would like to attend the meeting, please RSVP to [msreception@caschools.us](mailto:msreception@caschools.us) or [pherl@caschools.us](mailto:pherl@caschools.us) by Wednesday, October 25, 2017.**

---Melissa Patrick, MS Counselor

## VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

On **Thursday, November 9**, the middle school students will present a special **Veterans Day Chapel Service** honoring all of the men and women who have served our country, focusing on the soldiers in our own English Station Middle School families.

As a part of this program, there will be a special slideshow in honor of veterans who are related to our students. If you have a picture of a veteran that you would like to be honored at this service, please use the **Veterans Form** to submit a photo and information **no later than Thursday, November 2**. If you have problems or questions, you may contact Mrs. Daniels, the middle school Computer teacher, at **kdaniels@caschools.us**. If you submitted a picture last year, rest assured it will be updated and appear in the presentation.

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 **November 2, cutoff**.

If submitting a picture by this date will be a problem or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Daniels. 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 **8 a.m.** until the service begins at **9 a.m.** To RSVP for the reception, please email Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator, at **dvandiver@caschools.us** with your name and the number of guests attending by **Friday, November 3**.

---Dallas Vandiver, Spiritual Life Coordinator

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

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

It's hard to believe that Quarter 1 ends Friday, October 6! The teachers have enjoyed the first nine weeks with their sixth graders! Sixth Grade Language Arts and Literature have much to look forward to in the month of October. In Language Arts, they will begin an in-class writing assignment that responds to their most recent reading book, "*The Golden Goblet*." In Literature, they are gearing up to begin their second reading unit, "*Sequence of Events*." Over the next few weeks, the World History classes will spend a little bit of time looking at the ancient Israelites in their historical context, as well as, exploring some of the basics of Judaism. After that, students will study ancient Greece's history and culture achievements. In Bible class, students will be continuing their study of the Patriarchs as they finish the study of Genesis and prepare to begin Exodus. In Math, students are progressing with their decimals unit beginning with changing fractions to decimals and then will review all operations with decimals. In Science, the students had such excellent ideas for the Shark Tank Presentations! They will continue with their engineering unit by learning the design process and applying it to several projects.

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

It is hard to believe that the first Quarter ends on Friday, October 6! The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers have all been busy teaching the content to their students from a Biblical Worldview. They have enjoyed meeting many of their parents on Parent/Teacher Conference Day and continue to encourage parents to contact them if they have any questions or concerns about their child.

#### **Content Area Updates:**

**Language Arts:** The Language Arts classes are all continuing to review the parts of speech. The students have begun writing personal memoirs (a story from their lives) and will be sharing those in class late in October.

**Literature:** Students are finishing the "*City of Ember*" and are completing their final Assessment the first week of October. After completing the "*City of Ember*", there will be Book Chats due on October 11, and students will begin reading "*Chew on This*" and "*Fast Food Vindication*."

**Social Studies/Geography:** The Geography classes are continuing their study of South America and have a Fiesta Day coming up.

**Science:** The Science classes are continuing their study of cells and will begin studying Infectious Diseases during October.

**Mathematics/Pre-Algebra:** In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics, the students are studying one and two step equations. The Pre-Algebra students are learning about the principles and rules of division.

**Bible:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible classes have been studying Elijah and his battles and victory over the prophets of Baal.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers feel blessed to teach your child and hope all of their students and families have a blessed Fall Break!

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

Friday, October 13, will be a special day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They will have the opportunity to go on a guided tour through the high school here at CAL during their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Block classes. The students will be able to sit in on classes and meet with faculty, staff, and students who can help answer any questions they may have. Please encourage your child to prepare for the day by seeking to find out answers to their questions and please ask your child about their experiences after this day concludes. Eighth Grade teachers would also like to encourage students to bring their Bibles to Chapel and to each of their classes. God's Word is the most important textbook of the curriculum. Eighth Grade teachers would love to see their students treasuring their time in chapel and in their classroom.



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