

Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—November 6, 2020

Dear Southwest Family,

Ephesians 5:20 tells us, "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." I have this verse read many, many times BUT this time, or should I say in these times, God is teaching me something new. The 8th Graders are reading, "The Hiding Place" and those were very different times too. It amazes me in giving thanks in hard, different times. However, isn't it true in these times we learn to trust God? Isn't that what we are supposed to be doing all the time? So isn't the best expression of thanksgiving trusting God in everything and for everything?

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas may look different this year, but our hearts will not be. We will continue to be thankful. Take the time this season to read through the scriptures and make a list of blessings. May I share a few of mine with you?

Thank you, God, for...

kindergarteners that sing their days of the week;
first graders that learn about asking questions;
second graders that learn about using doubles for math;

third graders that know we can be tempted and Jesus overcame temptations with God's Word;

fourth graders that learn that Kentucky has many other neighboring states in our country;

fifth graders that learn about flipgrid;

sixth graders that know the scientific method is important;

seventh graders that see and recognize their relationships between people and geography;

eighth graders that learn to solve and graph inequalities and how to write and solve equations;

teachers that come and serve in a manner to develop hearts and minds for God and the next step;

staff that cook, clean, and care about this building, students, and faculty;

children that display a joy in learning about God's character and Word;

even with masks, seeing a twinkle and joy in eyes of children and adults (plus I find the masks help keep us warm when it is cold);

prayers that are so authentic that one will weep and laugh at the same time;

families that keep the first thing first: God.

I thank God for this time and this place. What an honor to know Him, love Him, serve Him, and trust Him with today and all the tomorrows He ordains.

~Mrs. Carson

PTO NEWS



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Join the PTO Facebook group! This is a great resource to connect with other CAL-SW families and share advice, ask questions, and learn more about our campus. This Facebook group is for current parents and grandparents of CAL-SW only. Find us on Facebook by searching "CAL-SW PTO".

NO SCHOOL

There is no school for Preschool through 8th Grade on Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Visit www.yearbookforever.com. Be sure to select "Christian Academy of Louisville Southwest" from the list of schools. Yearbooks are \$22.50 each and only sold online. The price will increase to \$32.50 on January 1, so order now!

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Please Register Online



SOUTHWEST
(Dixie Hwy.)
Age 2 - 8th grade
Mon. Nov. 9, 6 p.m.



ENGLISH STATION
(Middletown)
Age 2 - 12th grade
Tues. Nov. 10, 6 p.m.



INDIANA
(New Albany)
Age 3 - 12th grade
Thurs. Nov. 12, 6 p.m.

www.caschools.us/open-house-dates

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

11/09—Virtual Open House for prospective families 6:00
 11/13—8th Grade to HS Kickoff at CAI
 11/19—Operation Christmas Child Collection Day
 11/23-11/24—Recording K-5th Grade Christmas Program
 11/25-11/27—No School for JA-8th Grade—Thanksgiving




JUNIOR ACADEMY DATES

Friday, November 13—Pajama Day for Junior Academy
 Friday, November 20 - Wear something Brown
 Tuesday, November 24—Special Thanksgiving Snack. Watch for details from your child's teacher.
 Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27—Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
 Friday, December 17 - Wear something Red
 Friday, December 18—Happy Birthday Jesus Party- Watch for details from your child's teacher.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month in Elementary Classroom Guidance we will be focusing on Honesty. For our SEL Kimochis lessons we will be moving on to more communication keys and feelings journal prompts for the older students. Middle School will also have second quarter guidance lessons on mental health. Many of us adults are struggling with fear, sadness, and much more; it's important to remember that our students can be dealing with similar issues. We want to equip students with truth, coping skills, and connections to help them through the valleys. If you need resources please contact me at tdaniel@caschools.us. I will be giving several presentations for parents during our Virtual Rock Creek Parent U on November 7th. The topics include information about our Kimochis Social Emotional Learning curriculum, grief, anxiety, and growth and development. If you would like to attend, I would love to open up my sessions for SW families. Please let me know and I will get you the information.

If you are an eLearner family, this is a great month to check out the gratitude journal. You can find it in my virtual classroom as one of the objects to click on. Happy Fall!

 <div> <h1>November</h1> <div>  <div> Christian Academy OF LOUISVILLE SOUTHWEST CAMPUS </div> </div> </div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Burrito with Queso Corn Pineapple Sugar Cookie	3 <i>No School</i> <i>In-Service Day</i>	4 Southern Style Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans	5 Cheeseburger Tossed Salad Apple Slices Chips	6 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
9 Sausage Link Pancake Wrap Hash Brown Applesauce Yogurt	10 Chicken Quesadilla Mexican Fiesta Rice Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie	11 Chicken Alfredo Peas Peaches French Roll	12 Hot Dog Baked Beans Peas & Carrots Grapes	13 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
16 Fish Bites Macaroni & Cheese Applesauce	17 Cheeseburger Celery Sticks Apple Slices Chips	18 Chicken & Cheese Crispito Tossed Salad Pineapple Cinnamon Grahams	19 Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Applesauce Rice Krispy Treat	20 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
23 Toasted Ravioli with Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Pears Garlic Toast	24 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit	25 <i>No School</i>	25 <i>No School</i>	25 <i>No School</i>
30 Hot Pocket Broccoli Tropical Fruit Salad Oreo Cookies				
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8-ounce 1% white milk, skim chocolate milk or water available daily. Menu subject to change.				



SECOND QUARTER SERVICE PROJECT

We have kicked off our second quarter service project! We will be packing and collecting shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child! Your child should have received a brochure with instructions and details for how to pack a shoebox gift. The deadline to turn in these gifts is Thursday, November 19, as part of National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. We will learn more about this ministry over the next couple of weeks.

Last year, our Southwest campus gave 512 shoebox gifts to this ministry and helped to share the Gospel in 10 different countries! **Our goal this year is 300 SHOEBOX GIFTS!** Our students have already shown so much excitement about this project, and we can't wait to see how the Lord will work through our efforts.

If you would like to find out the specific country that your shoebox gift will be shipped to, please use the "Follow Your Box" tracking option that was included in each shoebox. When you pay your \$9 shipping donation online, you are able to enter your email address to receive tracking updates regarding your gifts as they make their way across the world!

PLEASE NOTE—Every child who donates a shoebox gift will have their name put in a drawing for a free ticket to Newport Aquarium! We will draw winners from preschool, elementary, and middle school. The number of entries for a child's name will equal the number of shoeboxes that the child turns in (ex. 3 shoebox gifts equals 3 times entered in the drawing).

If you have any questions about what can or cannot be included in your shoebox gift, please contact Shannon Wilson at sewilson@caschools.us.

For more information on Operation Christmas Child, you can visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We wanted to give you an update and information regarding this year's Christmas program. As with COVID-19, things will be much different this year. However, one thing remains the same. We are still going to worship the birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Due to the current restrictions, we are unfortunately not able to have an in-person program. Instead, we are going to have a recording done of our program. The video will be streamed live on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 PM. You will also be able to watch the video later as well.

We will be recording for the program on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. Your child's teacher will give you the exact date of their recording.

We realize that this is another big change for our students in a year that has been so difficult. We want to help make this feel as "normal" as possible. We are allowing them to wear a nice Christmas outfit on their recording day or wear their chapel uniform. They will stay in that outfit the entire school day. Please keep in mind dress code rules (no jeans allowed). We will schedule around PE classes as best we can.

Students will be masked for the recording. We are requiring that students wear a properly fitted mask - one that doesn't fall down when they talk or sing.

We are so thankful for this opportunity to celebrate during this difficult time the true reason for the season together.

~Mrs. Kristi Stivers