



Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—May 21, 2021

Southwest Family,
Thank you so much for all you have done this year in order to have your child here at Christian Academy. We have to reflect and thank God for His favor, provision, protection, and providence. These final days are full of events, so pay attention to your teacher's communications. We do have some limitations due to Healthy At School guidelines, so please read carefully and follow the guidelines we must adhere to. If you have been blessed or God has really pierced or trained your heart regarding His character and provision here at Christian Academy, please share with a teacher or even me.

Can I share with you a journey? In 2005, God brought me to Christian Academy. At that time I had a 3 year old son, Brennan. Next Friday, he will be graduating from Christian Academy. We began at the English Station Campus, and in God's timing we came to the Southwest Campus. My son was then in 2nd grade. That year it snowed like crazy before Christmas break and school was closed. We were sitting in the basement as a family, and Brennan noted his desire to accept the calling to be a child of God. I listened as he and my husband discussed what that meant, his questions, his understanding, why he needed Christ, etc. I was honored to watch and listen. That little guy, it seems like a blink ago, prayed silently and then shared now, "I will be with Jesus forever and I will walk and talk with Moses and Noah." My husband shared with my son that his first step in obedience was to go to the pastor and share what God had done in His heart and life. He needed to evidence that inward decision outwardly by believer's baptism. So Sunday came and Brennan could not wait until the end of the service. I think before prayer was over he was going down front to share with the pastor what God had done. We moved to a counseling room where I sat and watched my son share what God had done. The counselor asked sincere questions to see what God had done, and the response of my son. I treasured these moments in my heart. Jesus was working. The counselor shared with me that in all his years he had never had a child or even an adult share God's truths and words like Brennan did. Wow! Now before you think my boy is something, please know he is a saved sinner, sanctified by the blood of the Lamb. However, I treasured what God was doing.

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So please know every parent that is a child of God, prays for their child to be called by God. The decision we made to be part of Christian Academy was not out of prestige, privilege, or protection, but out of a desire to surround our son with truth and testimony of God's character, His word, and truths. That is what I have been able to witness over and over again. I am in awe of what He does. Salvation is a gift, freely received with a payment of death, debt payment, overcoming, and the blood of Christ. Sanctification, well, that is another story. So as I type this and reflect how quickly time with a child is a blink, read Proverbs 3. The mission of Christian Academy is to develop students with a heart for God, who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men. I will continue to pray for my children's hearts. I pray God will allow them to have a HEART for God: Hear, Eternal, Affection, Reflect and Trust God in who He is, His word, His spirit, His will. I ask that God will give my sons the eyes to see God work, ears to hear His voice, a heart to believe His truths and a will to walk by faith in His paths.

Blessed to be a servant of God and parent here at Christian Academy! Thank you for being a partner too in an eternal education.

~Mrs. Carson

LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS! LIMITED NUMBER STILL AVAILABLE!

Online orders are now closed, but you still have the opportunity to purchase a yearbook if you haven't done so already! We have a limited quantity available on a first come first serve basis. Please send in payment of \$32.50 (checks made payable to CAL) with your child's name and YEARBOOK on the memo line. Payments should be sent to the office as soon as possible because yearbooks will be distributed on Monday.

JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

We will be having a picnic lunch on the last day of school (Thursday, May 27). All junior academy students will need to bring a non-refrigerated sack lunch and boxed drink in a disposable lunch bag.

Our summer session for Junior Academy will begin on Tuesday, June 1. The hours will be from 7:00 AM -4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with the day's activities beginning at 8:10 AM each morning.

K-8TH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS FOR 2021-2022

We have partnered again with Educational Products, Inc. (EPI) - a national school-supply program. This is an optional service that is being offered to our campus families for the 2021-2022 school year. We have provided our class supply lists to EPI and they have created an online ordering system for our families to use. By using EPI, this will drastically reduce the amount of time that parents will need to spend to shop for their child's school supplies for the coming school year. If you order a supply kit through EPI, your child's kit will be directly shipped to the school and will be waiting for them in their classroom in time for our Back-to-School events! Here are some important details to be aware of:

1. Our school is not making any money from this sale. While schools have the option of utilizing EPI for a fundraiser, we have passed on that option and the prices that you see listed are the wholesale prices from EPI.
2. A copy of this year's supply lists are included [here](#). Any items that are highlighted on the list **are not included** in the EPI kits and therefore would still be your responsibility to secure prior to the beginning of the school year. If you choose to shop on your own for your child's supplies, you are welcome to do so by using this list.
3. The EPI kits include name-brand, high-quality supplies and the kits will be individually packaged for each student that orders them.
4. **Orders must be submitted online by June 1, to avoid rush shipping charges.** Free shipping is included for any orders that are shipped directly to our school. If you wish to have your child's kit shipped to your home instead, there is an additional shipping fee for that option.

Ordering information for EPI is included [here](#). Be sure to enter our school code (CHR145) and then select the grade level that your child will be in for the 2021-2022 school year.

END OF YEAR IMPORTANT DETAILS

FINAL REPORT CARDS—Quarter 4/Year-End report cards will be emailed to families the week of June 7.

UNIFORM RESALE AT ENGLISH STATION—Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 24! The uniform resale will be held at our English Station Campus from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM that day. Purchase gently worn uniform items at great prices!

CLASS SUPPLY LISTS—Fliers were sent home with all families the week of May 17. Please see the announcement above to order your school supply kit through EPI.

SUMMER EMAILS—Please watch your email this summer for important details regarding back-to-school events and online student information collection. During the week of June 28-July 2, all families will receive an email with details about the 2021-2022 school year. All student information must be completed in FACTS Web Forms by July 28.

BACK TO SCHOOL DROP-IN—Mark your calendar now for Monday, August 9! Our Back To School Drop-In will be held from 2:00-6:00 PM. This is when students and parents bring all of your school supplies, meet your teachers, complete paperwork, add funds to your lunch account, etc. so that we can all be ready to go on the first day of school!

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11. School will begin at 8:10 AM.

ACSI MATH OLYMPICS AND SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the following students for their exemplary showing in these competitions!

Regional Math Olympics

3RD GRADE: Reasoning— Chase Oechsli (2nd), Natalie Magee (3rd)

Computation—Paul Favors (2nd), David Velazquez (3rd), Isaiah Curry (5th)

4TH GRADE: Computation—Kaylee McClure (1st), Ava Butler (5th)

5TH GRADE: Reasoning—Alex Campbell (1st), Brayden Vititoe (5th); Computation—Bella Crowe (4th)

CAL-SW Spelling Bees

1ST GRADE: Reece Mathis (1st), Lilah Frech (2nd), Natalie Houtchens (3rd), Sadie Williamson (4th)

2ND GRADE: Grace Leith (1st), Drew Wilson (2nd), Abby Jo Cranford (3rd), Emmory Akujobi (4th)

3RD GRADE: Jett Jones (1st), Bo Hodge (2nd), Paul Favors (3rd), Isaiah Curry (4th)

4TH GRADE: Kayley Harris (1st), Hannah Peterson (2nd), Brooklyn Bailey (3rd), Reece Thompson (4th)

5TH GRADE: Brayden Vititoe (1st), Kendal Smock (2nd), Olivia Coots (3rd), Hunter Wilson (4th)

6TH GRADE: Emma Kidd (1st), Bella McCarty (2nd), Donail Smith (3rd), Olivia Pratt (4th)

7TH GRADE: Jaxon Sedoris (1st), Mark Huff (2nd), Bethany McBath (3rd), Lexi Moore (4th)

8TH GRADE: Landon Stillwell (1st), Kayla Threats (2nd), Maci Wallace (3rd), Marissa Sedoris (4th)

5TH-8TH GRADE SPELL-OFF: Bella McCarty (1st), Marissa Sedoris (2nd), Mark Huff (3rd), Donail Smith (4th), Hunter Wilson (5th)

LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES

Please check your student's lunch account balance. All lunch accounts must be paid in full prior to the end of the school year in order for students to receive their year-end report cards. Cash or check payments may be sent in with your student to their homeroom teacher. Please place all cash or checks in a sealed envelope with your student's full name and lunch ID number clearly written on the outside. All monies received will be deposited on the last day of the school week in which it is received. Payments may also be deposited online at www.mypaymentsplus.com. It is our policy that any student lunch account with a negative balance exceeding \$25.00 will be charged a late payment fee of \$10.00, or 15% of the total amount owed, whichever is greater. If you have any questions or need assistance with your student's lunch account, please contact Jessica McCarty, Cafeteria Manager, at jlmcarty@caschools.us.

BOX TOPS AND LABELS

Just a reminder to continue saving Box Tops and Labels for Education over the summer. If you have family, friends, or neighbors that will save them too, that would be great! It all adds up and is an easy way to earn money for our school. These can be turned in at the start of school in August.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Please check out Mrs. Daniel's [google site](#) for announcements!

SERVICE PROJECT UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported our recent service projects!

- Change the USA for Christ Week—We collected \$857.19 that will go to support the ministry of the Jackson Family as they serve on the mission field in Southeast Asia
- Birthday Blessing Bags—We collected 169 Birthday Blessing Bags for Family Scholar House!
- Waterstep Shoe Collection—We don't have a final total at this time, but our shoe collection bins are overflowing at this moment!

