

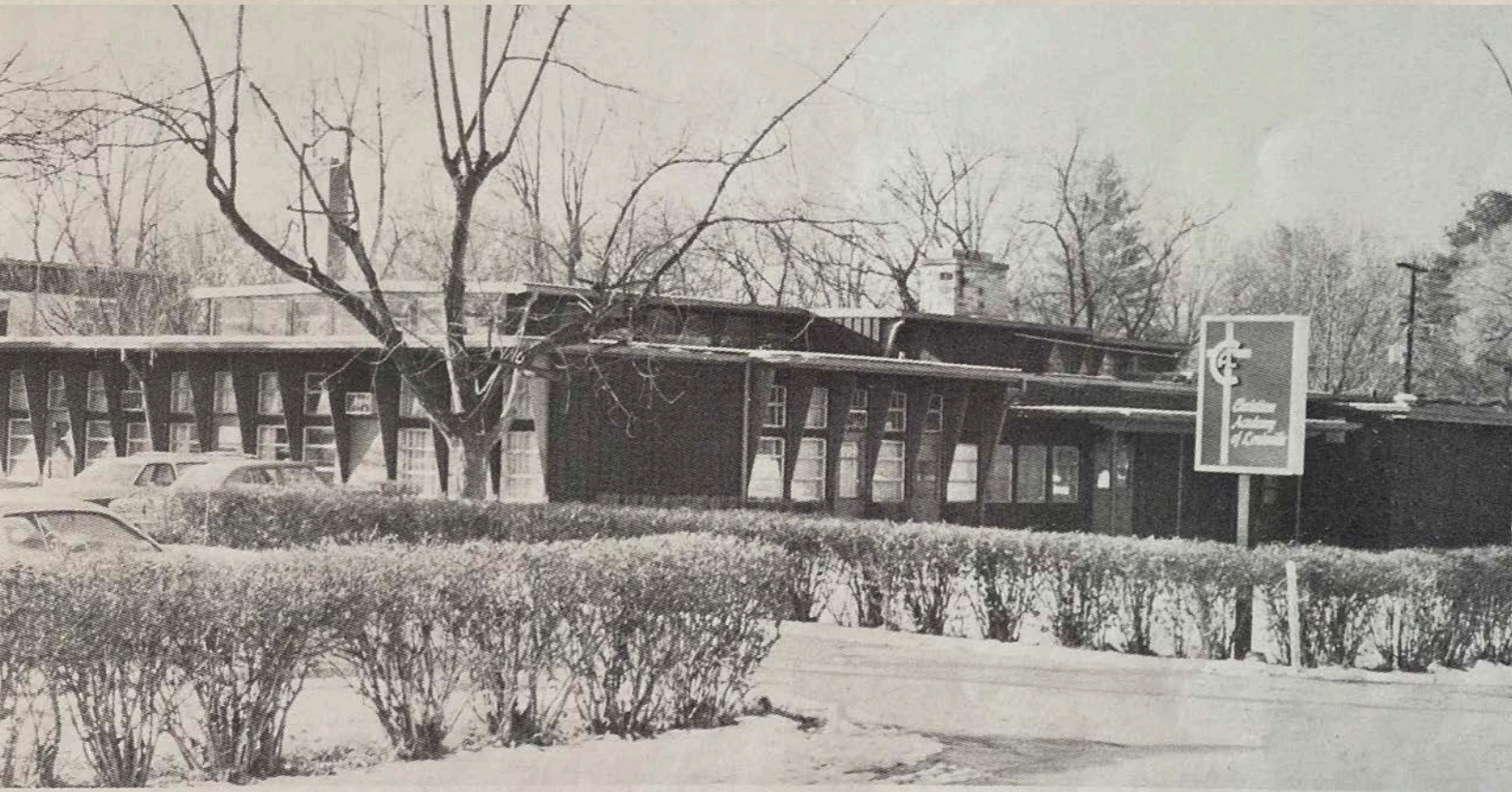
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SCHOOL DAYS



REMEMBERING ROCK CREEK



Christian Academy
OF LOUISVILLE
ROCK CREEK CAMPUS

Do you remember...

- The Annex and students catching snowflakes on the walkway?
- Basketball games and the Blue Booger (surely someone else remembers this)?
- Cross Country and Mr. Harry Greschel?
- High school lockers surrounding the courtyard, which flooded every time it rained?
- Bees in the cafeteria and the day tornado sirens sounded during elementary lunch?
- Field Day at Seneca Park, Christmas at CAL, Music Concerts, and High School Plays?
- Book Talks, Science Fairs, and the Walk-A-Thons?
- Chapel (students setting up & taking down the chairs) ?
- Blue Ribbon School status, and the campus renovation?
- The Providence School and God's provision?
- The people: Mrs. Poulter, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Marra, Mr. Tabb, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Wortham and so many more?
- Community and friends who became like family?
- Home...Yes, Rock Creek was like home to staff, students, and families.

I recall the Spring Open House when Carol Marra greeted us at the door and Larry and Marty Dabney gave us a tour. We knew RC was the school for us. Even though the campus was a bit dated, there was an emotional climate that said, "This is home." In the fall of 1990 our son started first grade. Rock Creek, well, Christian Academy of Louisville, had about 320 students that year in grades K-12. I've been a RC parent, a RC volunteer, a RC substitute, a RC teacher and a RC administrator. I had the unique opportunity to serve on the K-12 Rock Creek campus from 1991-1996 as an elementary teacher and then from 2009-2015 as the Elementary Principal.

So many memories and friendships developed on this campus. Everyone has stories to share that create belly-aching laughter, and we all share heartbreaking grief of student injuries and the tragic loss of classmates. But isn't that what families do? Families share memories and stories with epic proportions of joy and sadness. The beauty is that the memories will always remain with us long after the campus is gone.

I am grateful...

- Grateful for the men and women who decided that Louisville needed a Christian School, and for the time, finances, and energy they poured into this campus. How blessed we are because of their efforts and dedication.
- Grateful for the families who chose Christian education for their children.
- Grateful for the professional and dedicated Rock Creek teachers and staff who love the Lord with all their hearts, soul, and minds and have served Rock Creek well.
- Grateful for the memories and the lasting friendships.

What a blessing in my life to have served on this campus where God grew me spiritually and professionally more than I ever could have imagined. Rock Creek is a school where Jesus is exalted and friendships become like family. Rock Creek is home. I am eternally grateful for this sweet little campus called Rock Creek where together we grew more deeply in knowing, loving, and serving God. Blessings to you, my friends, colleagues, and students.



**MARIBETH THOMAS,
FORMER ROCK CREEK PRINCIPAL**





MEMORIES



I remember taking my tour of the Rock Creek campus after my 5th grade year. Since it was summer, no one else was there but us and our guide. As we went from building to building, seeing where my little sister would meet with her class, and then over to the main area where I would have mine, I was quite honestly apprehensive. I didn't know anyone at CAL, except some of the teachers. I was a very unsure, almost 6th grade student.

Now, middle school is an awkward and difficult time for most people, and I was no exception. But as my time at CAL went on, Rock Creek changed from a place of apprehension to a place of expectation. I became thankful for our small environment, our closeness, our relationships with our teachers and the staff. Rock Creek became a welcoming place with so many memories and formative experiences that I would need several newsletters to describe it all adequately.

My parents, like many others, sacrificed to send us to CAL. Rock Creek was a place of hope and expectations for them, too. They wanted to lay a foundation in our lives that was solid, Christ-centered, and that equipped us for our next stages of life after high school. I wish I had more pictures of our time together there. Sadly back in the late 80's and early 90's, we didn't have the quick and easy ability to take photos of absolutely everything like we can now. Most of my memories at Rock Creek are stored on my internal hard drive and they will remain there to be cherished forever. Oh, the memories of Homecoming dances at the Stable Clubhouse next door, to Senior Carnivals in the parking lot, to Mr. Imlay's "Handy-Dandy Maps" of Israel, and chapels in the gym. I wonder how many times I moved folding metal chairs while I was there?! There are no adequate words to describe my appreciation for what I experienced at CAL Rock Creek but I will always be thankful for the faculty, staff and administration who made sure Christ was at the center of it all. This year marks 23 years in ministry for me, and I know the foundation laid at CAL was and is an invaluable part of what I carry into my daily efforts for others on behalf of Christ.

I would love for the Rock Creek experience to be available to everyone for years and years to come. But I also know that those of us who walked that campus will keep it alive in our hearts for a long, long time to come. I'm truly thankful, and while I'm sad to see that era coming to a close, I know that the work of Christ isn't constrained to one place, or to nostalgic preference. We serve a mighty God, and Christian education will always be a world changing experience for the students of Christian Academy.

IN HIM, BENJAMIN HEDGSPETH, CLASS OF 1996



MEMORIES

Rock Creek has such a loving bond that can never be duplicated. There are so many blessed and wonderful memories in my mind that I could write a book. We were a huge family (grades 1-12).

There were so many loving people who had the vision of “Christian Academy of Louisville” and the Lord truly made it happen. People sacrificed money and time to make the school a reality in the Lord’s name!

Some of my favorite memories were being on the “Centurion Yearbook” staff, and being Yearbook Editor my Senior year with Mrs Marjorie Record, advisor. I was on the newspaper staff, “The Centurion Blade,” my Senior year with Mrs. Becky Briley, advisor. I was in the choir for all four high school years. We had several choir competitions, but the best was the “Superior” rating my Senior year with Mrs. Edwina Rowell, choir director.

The school courtyard was special because you could meet your friends there and catch up with the latest news. During wintertime when it snowed, it was fun because we would throw snowballs at each other and our teachers would scold us and laugh! Also, with the lockers being outside, you never put the padlock on your locker because the lock would freeze! The students would race to sit next to the radiator in each classroom to get warm on those days.

Oh!...and those days before cell phones...Students would stand in line to use the payphone during break-time or lunchtime.

Chapel was always nice in the school’s gym with great speakers and performers, singing, praying, and students taking part in each service.

I was so honored to be the President of CAL’s 1st Graduating Class in 82 with a total of 19 students. Our Senior class sponsors, Mrs. Becky Briley, Mr. David Green, and Mr. Tom May were fun, caring, loving and great Christian role models to our 82 class. Some of the best times were before school started each day catching up with your friends in the school’s parking lot. Mr. Green’s homeroom class was always fun. Some of the best memories as a class was our Senior Trip, Class Day, Senior Banquet (prom), Baccalaureate, and Graduation Day.

Our 1982 class was very close and we have had three class reunions: 10th, 20th and 25th. Hopefully, we can have one big celebration of all the graduating classes (1982-1998) at Rock Creek before the campus closes.

After graduating from CAL, I attended Morehead State University and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Industrial Technology with a minor in Journalism Print Media and an Associate’s Degree in Graphic Arts Technology. My Junior and Senior years at CAL changed my mind from a Nursing degree to a Graphic Arts/Journalism degree. This career interest

was created from my yearbook and newspaper experiences at CAL, encouragement from teachers, and guidance from Mrs. Joyce Marcy, our school counselor.

The “Christmas Bazaar” or “Christmas at Rock Creek” was a tradition that began in December of 1978. Choosing the school mascot, “CENTURION,” was voted on the first year at Rock Creek. A lot of “firsts” were made in the beginning days and still exist today at English Station. Some traditions have come and gone, but so many have remained.

I hope and pray the traditions continue and the history will always be cherished with the humble beginnings at Rock Creek. Most alumni were so saddened about the closing of Rock Creek, but we know the Lord has a plan for CASS. He has truly blessed us since the beginning in 1976, with a total of four campuses, and we need to prayerfully and financially support the school system in years to come.

The strong presence of the Holy Spirit is felt at all the campuses today as it was years ago at Rock Creek. I hope that CASS will continue to keep the alumni involved and eventually add all the Rock Creek graduating class pictures at the English Station campus, to unite us all together.

It has been a privilege being on many CAL alumni committees/boards throughout the years, especially the one to plan the English Station campus. I still get goose bumps every time I walk into English Station to see how far the Lord has brought our wonderful school. We have truly seen God’s presence through all these years at CASS.

My very favorite memories are the cherished friends that I made at Rock Creek and I am still in touch with so many today. One of my best friends, Jennifer Schureck Denny, I met in our Sophomore year, and we are still so close today!

My husband, Kent Barger, and I were so blessed to send our daughter, Hayley, to English Station in the Fall of 2018. The Lord truly helped to provide a way for her to attend there and it is so exciting to have her graduate from English Station Class of 2021.

May God bless all the administration, staff, faculty, parents, friends, alumni, and students of CASS. My family and I pray the Lord will continue to bless the school system for many more years!



**APRIL SCARLOTT-BARGER,
CLASS OF 1982**



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