



# Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—November 12, 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CARSON

It is November! A zealous time of year to be thankful. I am thankful for these past couple of months. We have been together face to face---remember last year? I am thankful for you, your children, our staff, our faculty and our leadership. I am so thankful to our Lord! Psalm 146:1-2 state, "Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." I am so thankful to be a child of God. I love His Word. I do love to sing. I love the church body, and I treasure my time alone with God. Now don't think that Mrs. Carson has no worries, no troubles, or no problems. We all do! However, praising the LORD allows us to focus on Him. My study Bible notes that praise will: take our minds off our problems and shortcomings, and focuses them on God; leads us from individual meditation to corporate worship; causes us to consider and appreciate God's character; and lifts our perspective for the earthly (horizontal) to the eternal (vertical) or everlasting perspective. He is worthy! He is mighty! I don't understand all that is going on, or all that occurs, or hurts or tragedies that transpire, but I trust Him. I will dig into His Word. I will cry out to Him in prayer. I will walk by faith. There is a great deal to be thankful for indeed, and then to thank Him with my life on a daily basis! May I praise Him!

Continue to thank God each day for His blessings. Salvation is a gift of God's grace, and these next 2 months will allow us to celebrate in an enthusiastic manner. Please don't get caught up in all the stuff and to-do's that can actually distract us from the true reason to celebrate: God's grace. Let's be thankful. I challenge you each day to journal, drop a note of thanksgiving, call someone, or simply belt out some thankfulness to God, and possibly others, in how you are blessed by God. Happy Thanksgiving!

## NO SCHOOL

There is no school for Preschool through 8th Grade on Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Each year, we sell Texas Roadhouse gift cards and the profits earned are used by our PTO for a variety of needs around our campus. The gift cards make great Christmas gifts! The deadline to submit your orders and payments is **Monday, November 22**. This is a firm deadline so that all gift cards can be processed and returned back to students prior to Christmas Break.

All orders and payments will be handled online this year. Please feel free to share this link with friends and family so they can place their orders as well!

<https://na.eventscloud.com/cal>

### Texas Roadhouse is Offering Special Incentives with the Gift Card Orders:

- For Every \$30 worth of Gift Cards Sold – Receive a Free \$5 Off Coupon
- For Every \$50 worth of Gift Cards Sold – Receive a Free \$10 Off Coupon
- For Every \$100 worth of Gift Cards Sold – Receive a Free \$20 Off Coupon and a Free Appetizer Card

### Texas Roadhouse will also be Giving Prizes for Participation:

- Each student that participates will receive a coupon for a free kids meal.
- The class with the top participation will earn a Class Dessert Party.
- The student with the largest amount of sales (\$500 minimum) will receive a \$100 gift card to the store of their choice.
- The 2nd place student (with \$300 minimum sales) will receive a \$50 gift card to the store of their choice.
- The 3rd place student (with \$200 minimum sales) will receive a \$25.00 gift card to the store of their choice.

We appreciate your continued support of our PTO!



## SECOND QUARTER SERVICE PROJECT

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 18, as part of National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child.

Last year, our Southwest campus gave 285 shoebox gifts to this ministry and helped to share the Gospel in 10 different countries! **Our goal this year is 250 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 Kentucky Kingdom! 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](mailto:sewilson@caschools.us).

For more information on Operation Christmas Child, you can visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## FREE SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

On Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23—all students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade may wear appropriate jeans or uniform pants/shorts/skirts with CAL spirit wear shirts. There will be no \$1 donation collected for those who participate on these two days.

## JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

- Our Special Thanksgiving Snack will be on Tuesday, November 23 - "Stone Soup"! Make sure you send in your child's donation towards the soup by Friday, November 19. Please contact your child's teacher if you need to know what your child should bring.
- Junior Academy will be closed for Thanksgiving Break on November 24, 25, and 26.

## PTO NEWS

Box Tops for Education is now entirely online! Download their app, scan your receipts with your phone, and our school will be credited for your Boxtops-eligible items. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more information and to download the app.

Please make sure that your Kroger Plus Card is registered for Community Rewards for our campus. Each time that you shop at Kroger, a portion of your purchase is donated to our PTO! Enroll your Kroger Plus Card online at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and choose #RP963.

Our **next PTO meeting** will be on Monday, November 15 at 6:30 PM in the school library. Join us if you want to be more involved in our campus!

LUNCH					NOVEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Taco Wedges Corn Pineapple Sugar Cookie	2 Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Peaches Oreo Cookies	3 Southern Style Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	4 Cheeseburger Celery Apple Slices Rice Krispy Treat	5 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit	8 Chicken Quesadilla Mexican Fiesta Rice Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie	9 Sausage Links Hash Brown Yogurt	10 Chicken Alfredo Peas Peaches Roll	11 Hot Dog Smiley Fries Grapes	12 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
15 Chicken & Cheese Crispos Corn Pineapple Cinnamon Grahams	16 Fish Bites Macaroni & Cheese Tropical Fruit Salad	17 Penne Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Pears Garlic Toast	18 Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Applesauce Rice Krispy Treat	19 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit	22 Chicken Tenders Buttered Noodles Green Beans Peaches	23 Boscos Sticks w/Marinara Tossed Salad Pears Oreos	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26 Turkey
29 Taco Wedges Corn Pineapple Sugar Cookie	30 Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Peaches Oreo Cookies	HAPPY THANKSGIVING							

8-ounce 1% white milk, skim chocolate milk or water available daily. Menu subject to change.

## CAFETERIA NEWS

Due to continued and significant supply chain issues, **please expect lunch menu changes**. Teachers receive an updated weekly lunch menu every Friday to include in their class newsletter. Uncrustables are available as an alternative in a **limited number**. They may or may not be available once your child comes through the line.

Please discuss snack purchases with your student. **We are not able to place blocks on or close student lunch accounts.**

# Upcoming Events

## NOVEMBER

- 11/15—PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11/16—Home Basketball Game vs. LKY 5:30 PM
- 11/18—Operation Christmas Child Collection Day
- 11/18—Away Basketball Game at Whitefield 6:00 PM
- 11/22—Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser Deadline
- 11/24-11/26—No School for JA through 8th Grade—Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29—Away Basketball Game at Beth Haven 4:30 PM

## DECEMBER

- 12/03—Home Basketball Game vs. Whitefield 5:30 PM
- 12/09—K-8th Grade Christmas Chapel Service 9:00 AM
- 12/13—Home Basketball Game vs. West End School 5:30 PM
- 12/14—Away Basketball Game at LKY 4:45 PM
- 12/16—Away Basketball Game at Little Flock 6:30 PM
- 12/16—1st-5th Grade Christmas Program 7:00 PM
- 12/17—K-5th Grade Christmas Parties
- 12/20-01/03—No School—Christmas Break

## 1ST—5TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are so excited to share with you that we will have an in-person Christmas program on Thursday, December 16, at 7 p.m. This program will be for students in 1st-5th grades. Our program will look different than what we've done in the past. It will be a shorter program and students will not be in close contact for more than 15 minutes during the program.

Students will receive 8 tickets for their invited guests. These tickets will be for general admission and seats will not be assigned. We will also stream the concert on the school's Facebook page for anyone that is unable to come.

Students must be dropped off at the school entrance via the carpool lane at 6:30 p.m. Students may wear a nice outfit instead of school uniforms but please keep in mind dress code rules (no jeans allowed).

The doors to the sanctuary will also open at 6:30 p.m. for seating. Please do not bring your student to the church lobby. Students should be dropped off at the main school entrance at 6:30 p.m. Follow the same procedure that is used for morning carpool dropoff.

Our kindergarten classes will not participate in this program, however, they will record something special and that video will be shared with their families.

We are so thankful to be able to come together again for this special night! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

~Mrs. Kristi Stivers

\$30 order today!

DIRECT LINK

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My New 2021-22 Yearbook!

