



Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—December 3, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CARSON

Dear Southwest Family,

Here we are in December! Can you believe it? I am in awe of how time flies. A great big "shout out" to our Junior Beta Club members for decorating "extra" for Christmas in our building! It is noticed and generates lots of smiles! I must confess that I do love this zealous time of year. I also believe the focus on truth--God's Word, God, the gospel, the good news, and redemption. Jesus is an essential for every Christ-follower. There is a battle—a spiritual battle—we each encounter. It isn't new. Joshua 24:15 states, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

I want to encourage you, parents, in this world to choose this day to know, love and serve the LORD. In Him we are chosen, redeemed, adopted, forgiven, one, and at peace. Only through the cross, the blood of Jesus, and His obedience to the Father are we saved. Nothing else can do that! So Christmas is "extra" special. I love the decorations, lights, music, and celebrations. Isn't it good to know our salvation, the grace of God, is completely done in Christ? It does not depend on me one drop. Jesus shed every drop of blood required for my sin debt. I am still amazed and in awe of what God has done.

We still do each day what we are called to do...develop students with a heart for God. It requires commitment, dedication, routines, schedules, intentionality, and called saints. I am so thankful for this time and opportunity. So parents, do not grow weary in doing good for God. Feast on His word, kneel in prayer by communing with Him, and do not forsake the gathering of the fellowship of believers. Every season can be different. My dad has been in the presence of God 9 years now. I still miss him. My mom's health inhibits her from getting out or going to family events and church. However, the Lord is near to those that draw close to Him. So draw close! It may be on the floor of an apartment, in a personal care room, a hospital emergency room, a prayer room, a bedroom, or a stable. God is not absent! Seek Him, worship Him, and adore Him. Here is a link to one of my favorite Christmas songs. I hope it encourages you and allows you once again to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords! [Adore](#) (by Chris Tomlin)

Merry Christmas!

NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK

There is no school for Kindergarten through 8th Grade from December 20-January 3. K-8th Grade students will return on Tuesday, January 4.

Junior Academy is open December 20-22 and will be closed December 23-January 1. JA will return to their regular schedule on Monday, January 3.



331 SHOEBOX GIFTS

given by CAL-SW families! Thank you for your support!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser! We had total sales of \$15,090 which results in a profit of \$2,263.50 that goes to our PTO.

1st Place—Kayley Harris (5th Grade) - \$2,090 in sales

2nd Place—Lexi Moore (8th Grade) - \$1,480 in sales

3rd Place—TJ Bailey (2nd Grade) - \$810 in sales

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

FREE "CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEAR" DAY

We will have a free Spirit Wear Day on Friday, December 17! All students may dress in appropriate-fitting jeans or uniform pants and may wear their favorite Christmas sweater, Christmas sweatshirt, or a CAL Spirit Wear shirt. Students may also wear appropriate-fitting Christmas pajamas. All clothing items should be God-honoring and respectful of the Christmas season in regards to characters, slogans, etc.

JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

JA Color Day is Wednesday, December 15. Children may wear something red that day.

Friday, December 17 is our Happy Birthday, Jesus Parties. Watch for details from your child's teacher on HiMama app.

JA is open December 20-22 and will be closed December 23-January 1. We will return to our regular schedule on Monday, January 3.

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 12/03—Home Basketball Game vs. Whitefield 5:30 PM
- 12/09—K-8th Grade Christmas Chapel Service 9:00 AM
- 12/11—Away Basketball Game at Portland Christian School 6:00 PM
- 12/13—Home Basketball Game vs. West End School 5:30 PM
- 12/14—Away Basketball Game at LKY 4:45 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

LUNCH				
DECEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Chicken Quesadilla Mexican Fiesta Rice Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie	7 Sausage Links Hash Brown Yogurt	8 Southern Style Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	9 Hot Dog Smiley Fries Grapes	10 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
13 Chicken & Cheese Crispos Corn Pineapple Cinnamon Grahams	14 Fish Bites Macaroni & Cheese Tropical Fruit Salad	15 Chicken Alfredo Peas Roaches Roll	16 Hot Dog Smiley Fries Grapes	17 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
20	21	22	23	24
Christmas				
27	28	29	30	31
Break				

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.**



Merry Christmas from the Faculty and Staff of Christian Academy of Louisville Southwest Campus

Administration and Office Staff

Mrs. Anna Carson, Principal
Mrs. Susan Hutto, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Shannon Wilson, Office Manager
Mrs. Darla Johns, Receptionist
Mrs. Lisa Ludwig, Admissions Coordinator

Junior Academy Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Debbie Wraley, Director
Mrs. Jo Bohannon, Blue Room
Ms. Joy Wardrip, Orange Room
Mrs. April Sedoris, Purple Room
Ms. Marsha McMillan, Red Room
Ms. Ashleigh Triplett, Green Room
Mrs. Sandy Ray, Floater
Mrs. Erin Wallace-Wimsatt, Floater
Mrs. Doris Wilson, Floater
Mrs. Wanda Lewis, Afternoon Receptionist

Food Services and Facilities

Ms. Jessica McCarty, Cafeteria Manager
Mrs. Nancy Herndon, Cafeteria Assistant
Ms. Heather Martin, Cafeteria Assistant
Mr. Joe Mattingly, Facilities Technician

K-8th Grade Faculty

Mrs. Britney Chumney, Kindergarten
Mrs. Olivia Brierly, Kindergarten
Mrs. Jenelle Cummings, 1st Grade
Mrs. Connie Gipperich, 1st Grade Assistant
Mrs. Susan Parker, 2nd Grade
Ms. Laura English, 2nd Grade
Mr. Aaron Edelen, 3rd Grade
Mr. Jamie Burns, 4th Grade
Mr. Mike Melhiser, 5th Grade
Mrs. Alisa Hancher, Middle School Lit/LA
Ms. Grace Roehl, Middle School History, Lit/LA
Mrs. Lisa Thompson, Middle School Math
Mrs. Marie Hill-Moyer, Middle School Science
Mr. Gene Travis, MS Bible/MS Computer
Mrs. Sherry Foster, K-5th Library/K-1st Computer
Mrs. Kristi Stivers, K-8th Music and Fine Arts
Mrs. Kathy Coble, K-8th PE
Mrs. Hannah Anderson, K-8th Art/2nd-5th Computer
Mrs. Lynnette Baker, Educational Resources
Mrs. Whitney An, Educational Resources
Mrs. Amy Ray, Educational Resources Assistant
Mr. Joseph McNally, After School Care

And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans—and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused—and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, HE CAME DOWN TO EARTH AND GAVE US HIMSELF.

~Sigrid Undset (1882-1949), Novelist and Nobel Laureate for Literature in 1928

