

Fall 2022 - November/December

CALMS NEWSLETTER

Greetings from CALMS!

We are looking forward to continuing to bring together our CALMS community as we progress into the final months of 2022.

Please take a few minutes to review our newsletter.

It contains helpful information, including important dates, Chapel News, Science Fair information, and Student Led Conference Announcements. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

We share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you pray for our families, students, and staff as we work together to grow in Christ this school year.



Important Dates

All Dates Subject to Change

11/14 - Q2 Progress Report Grades available for parents to view online

11/21 - MS/HS Percussion Ensemble Concert, 6:30 p.m.

11/23-11/25 - Thanksgiving Break

12/5 - MS/HS Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.

12/6 - MS/HS Orchestra Concert, 6:00 p.m.

12/8 - 7th Grade Science Fair

12/8 - MS/HS Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.

12/13 - 5th/6th Grade Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.

12/16 - Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends

12/19-1/3-Christmas Break

1/4/23 - Quarter 3/Semester 2 Begins

Chapel Information for Nov. - Dec.

We are expanding on our quarter focus:

Redeemed: "What Do We Sell Ourselves To?"

The topics we will explore in November-December are: Peer Approval, Commercialism & Christmas, Culture Trends, and a Special Veteran's Day Chapel Service.

Additionally, former CALMS teachers, now current Missionaries in France, will be guest speakers.

Student Led Conferences

March 15, 2023, is a day is set aside for students to walk their parents through a Google slides presentation of how they have progressed through the school year. To ensure that students are supported and prepared, student work sessions will begin in November during the school day. Students will return to their Connect Class on the following dates to update and add information to their Digital Backpacks.

11/15/22	1/24/23
11/29/22	2/14/23
12/6/22	2/28/23
1/10/23	3/7/23

3/15/23 is Student Led Conference Day

WHY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES?

- Students develop **ownership** of their learning
- Students build **independence**
- Students take **pride** in their success
- Students identify areas for **improvement**
- Students **share** knowledge and skills learned

OUR DEEP HOPE - helping our students grow in Wisdom, Stature, and Favor with God and Man- as Jesus did.

We strive for “engaged learning” at CALMS.

CALMS 7th graders will have the opportunity to show off their skills as America’s **“Engineers of the Future!”**. We are excited for this chance to showcase our students’ skills as they attempt to solve real world problems, explore new ideas and innovations, and let their lights shine as they share their talents with our community and the world at large.

In December 2022, our students will put on display their projects focused through the lens of physics, biology, chemistry, earth & space. Our students projects will be judged by professionals from each of the following fields: aeronautical and space engineering, chemical engineering, biology, healthcare and arts & sciences - Not only to score the completeness of the project, but to provide support to the student teams, to help our students be inspired and to hone their craft.

Counselors Corner

It is hard to believe that we have already completed our first quarter for the school year. The end of the first quarter is a great time to reflect with your child what went well and where there may have been challenges. Many students feel a lot of pressure the last few weeks of the quarter, because they do not have the grades they had wanted. The majority of the time it is not because their grades just changed, but it has been a trend for most of the quarter. This panic that they suddenly feel is because they know they are running out of time.

We often work with students during this time to make a plan to end the quarter as successfully as possible. We also focus on how to avoid this from happening again. It is important that students stay caught up in their classes. It is amazing how many students often complete an assignment, but do not turn it in. A few missed assignments can dramatically affect their grade in a class. As parents, you can assist in this by checking Canvas regularly and discussing with your child upcoming assignments. Remember though, your child is in middle school, the transition between elementary and high school. One of the most important aspects of middle school is learning life skills to be successful and independent. The middle school teachers do an excellent job of posting all assignments on Canvas, as well as on their white boards.

Agendas can be a helpful tool. Students often are opposed to using agendas. It is important to include them in the process of selecting an agenda. Agendas come in many formats, so they need to see that it fits their needs and style. You can even create your own agenda, by printing a calendar or creating a document with red and blue days. The purpose is not to add frustration for students, but to be a tool for their success.

If you have questions or need assistance, Mrs. Patrick (mpatrick@caschools.us) is the 6th grade Counselor, Registrar, and handles administrative issues for all MS students. Mr. Barnett (tbarnett@caschools.us) is the 7th and 8th grade Counselor, Spiritual Life Coordinator, and House Chair.

CALMS Reminders...

- Students are encouraged daily to put their Student ID in their locker at the end of the day.
- The quickest way to reach the middle school receptionist is by emailing her at msreception@caschools.us
- Many questions you have or resources you may need for middle school can be found [HERE](#)
- The start time for middle school is 8:10 a.m. (warning bell rings at 8:05 a.m.).



If your student arrives after 8:10 a.m., please have them sign in the front office (Door #1) AND the middle school office - Students will then be given a note to class.