



Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—November 30, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CARSON

Merry CHRISTmas! This can be a busy time of year with traditions, events, gatherings, parties, etc. However, I want to encourage you to read the CHRISTmas story from either Matthew or Luke. Take time to remember, reflect, and recognize that CHRISTmas is “God with us”. He came as the God man, Son of God, God in a Body, Messiah, Emmanuel--Jesus.

The four weeks leading up to Christmas is called Advent, and it can be a very special time for you and your family. There are 5 candles and they are called the Prophecy Candle, Bethlehem Candle, Shepherd's Candle, Angel Candle, and the Christ Candle. The five candles can also be known as hope, peace, joy, love, and light. Each has meaning and hope. God fulfilled every prophecy of the coming of the Messiah from place of birth to purpose. It is a time to anticipate and look forward to "God with us."

Gifts are wonderful, but the greatest gift every soul needs is Jesus. No matter what season it is or what circumstances are occurring, the truth is the same—God came to man, and we need the Lord.

Click [here](#) for an Advent resource!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas Program this year is on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary of Southeast Christian Church next to our school. This **program will be for students in 1st-5th grades and our Middle School Choir**. 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, appropriate-fitting clothes). 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 contact Mrs. Stivers at kstivers@caschools.us if you have any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE

We will be having our combined Christmas chapel service for all students in 4-year-old classes through 8th grade on Thursday, December 15 from 9:00-10:00 AM. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend this special service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. The service will be held in the sanctuary at Southeast Christian Church next door. Parents, you may enter the sanctuary for seating beginning at 8:45 AM and you will be able to sit with your child and their class.

SIGN UP FOR WATCH D.O.G.S.

It is finally time to re-start the WATCH D.O.G.S program! We need dads, grandfathers, or other father figures in order for this program to take off and to be successful! The program will officially start in January. This will allow us time to run background checks and compile a list volunteers.

If you are interested and willing to volunteer your time to this worthy cause, please follow the steps below:

1. Follow the link to apply: <https://ca.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=1449> (All of those interested in volunteering must go through the background screening process)
2. Wait for confirmation on your successful background check (Background check is good for the current school year)
3. Once you receive confirmation of a successful background check, you will be emailed a link to sign-up. This will allow you to pick the date that you are wanting to volunteer (limited to one day per school year).
4. After you sign-up to volunteer, you will be required to complete a short training session that includes a video series.
5. On the date that you choose to volunteer on, you will receive a schedule and go through a quick check-in with the Assistant Principal, or another designated Southwest staff member.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our Assistant Principal, Mr. Gutierrez at jgutierrez@caschools.us or 502-753-4610.

