

Winter 2023 - January

CALMS NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year from CALMS!

As we move forward into our second semester and our third quarter, we want to bring together our CALMS community with news and updates. Please take a few minutes to review our January newsletter.

This editions contains helpful information, including important dates, Chapel News, Science Fair Celebrations, and Student Led Conference preparation and related announcements. Partnering with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As we progress into 2023, we ask that you pray for our families, students, and staff as we work together to grow in Christ throughout the last two quarters of the school year.



Important Dates

All Dates Subject to Change

- 1/2 - New Year's Day Holiday/No School
- 1/3 - Teacher In-Service Day/No School
- 1/4 - Quarter 3/Semester 2 Begins
- 1/16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/No School
- 2/3 - Remote Learning Day
- 2/16 & 2/17 - Teacher In-Service Day/No School
- 2/20 - Presidents' Day/No School

Chapel Information for January

In **Quarter 3**, we are beginning a new focus of ***Redeemed: How to realize other people's worth?***

Our topics will focus on Relationships & Empathy, with a teacher panel on *"Who are the hardest people for you to love?"* We will also have a guest speaker, noted Apologist, Greg Kouh on January 31st.

Date	Chapel	House
1/5/23	Relationships	House Time
1/12/23	Who are the hardest people for you to love	Chapel Debrief
1/19/23	Rachel's Challenge	No House Time
1/26/23	How to speak to others?	Competition
1/31/23	Truth is NOT ice cream, Faith is not wishing	PowerHour

Are you ready for your Student Led Conference?

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 began in November and will continue through early March. On each of these dates, students return to their Connect Class to add information to their Digital Backpacks.

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| 1/10/23 | 2/28/23 |
| 1/24/23 | 3/7/23 |
| 2/14/23 | 3/15/23 Student Led Conference Day |

Flipping the traditional parent-teacher conference

"When students reflect on their experience in school, celebrate strengths, and identify areas for growth with adults who care about them, they take ownership of their learning and are more likely to stay on track."

"Students are also more likely to care deeply about the quality of their work if they know they will be sharing it with their families."

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

CALMS - America's "Engineers of the Future!"

Winners include:

1st Place "Smart Wheel" - Harrison Clark, Luke Elder, Easton Edgell, Hogan Hostutler

2nd Place "The Third Wheel" Kellan Hall, Dylan Peace, Jacob Rhoads

3rd place "Magnetic Car Fenders with Velocimeter Sensors" Calvin Goff, Owen Andrews, Carson Clay, Caleb Stanton

Honorable Mention / Noted Speakers:

Aquaponics - Candice Smith, Donovan Shannonhouse, and Katherine Maffet

What's Poppin? - Sosie Smith, Emma Kate Ernst and Emma Ruiz Colman

Homemade Battery - Nathan Durston, Braeden Meade, Grayson Cline, Hayden Durst

Why Electric Cars are Not the Future - Sydney Minucci, Kinsley Minucci, Laila Guitierrez, Regan Wahl, and Sarah Wedding

Moon Base - Maggie Williams & Peyton Johnson

Chemistry of the Brain - Sadie Beighey, Lauren Wampler, Lanie Wilson, Marilu Derosssett

All About Anxiety - Jordan Akin, Maddie Ramey, Alyssa Bell, Maddie Van Allsburg

Team Fibonacci Tree - Joseph Wujick and Jax Anderson

Counselors Corner

We are excited to tell you about a program that we are bringing to CASS, it is called Rachel's Challenge.

Rachel Scott was killed during the Columbine School shooting. Rachel's Challenge is a national non-profit that provides K-12 school programs designed to prevent school violence, bullying, and suicide among students.

The Rachel's Challenge organization will send a presenter to speak at chapel on January 19. That afternoon they will train 100 students from the English Station and Southwest campuses on how to start a Kindness Club. They say, "We work with the students through the training to equip them with the knowledge and tools to help transform school culture in a positive way through projects and other means through the club they will establish after our visit."

To learn more go to: <https://rachelschallenge.org/> If you have any questions, please let us know.

The CASS Counselors are grateful to our Security Team for working with us to make this possible.

Please be in prayer about this opportunity and that the Lord would use this to touch the hearts of our students.

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.).



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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.