



# Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—November 1, 2023

**Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Matthew 22:37-39**

## SHARE YOUR STORIES

We want to hear from you! We would like to begin featuring personal stories in our weekly newsletter to celebrate CAL-SW and the way that God has used our school to impact us as students, staff, and families. Share this with your students and ask them to submit their stories as well! Send your favorite memories via email to Mrs. Wilson to possibly be featured in an upcoming issue of this newsletter! Her email address is [sewilson@caschools.us](mailto:sewilson@caschools.us).

## SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

There is no school on Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7 for Junior Academy through 8th Grade due to Teacher Inservice Days.

## HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Please click [here](#) for a complete listing of basketball games for both our boys and girls middle school teams. We need you to come cheer them on! Admission is free for students and staff and \$5.00 for all other guests. Concessions will also be available for purchase. Please visit this site for the most current schedule in case of cancellations/reschedules.

## PTO UPDATE

In light of the announcement regarding our campus, we are canceling our scheduled PTO meetings. The PTO will be part of the Celebration Team in the coming weeks to plan how to use our remaining funds and resources to continue to support our staff, students, and families for the rest of the school year. We love our Southwest family and are praying for each and every one of you. We covet your prayers as we seek the Lord on how we can best serve you during this time.



## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

To order online, scan the QR code or go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com). Don't miss out! Yearbooks are on sale for \$45 through December 31. On January 1, the price increases to \$50 per book. All orders will be taken online. For the first time, we are also offering parents the opportunity to purchase recognition ads in the yearbook for your student. To learn more, please visit the yearbook order page and scroll to the bottom.



## SECOND QUARTER SERVICE PROJECT

We have kicked off our second quarter service project! We will be packing and collecting shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child! 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 16, as part of National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. Parents are invited to join us for our Collection Chapel Service on Thursday, November 16 at 9:00 AM in our gym.

Last year, our Southwest campus gave 341 shoebox gifts to this ministry and helped to share the Gospel in 10 different countries! **Our goal this year is 350 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 \$10 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!

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).

## **SOUTHWEST STORIES**

Thank you to Jenna Curry (Isaiah-6th and Sadie-3rd) for sharing her story:

*We initially thought we wanted to support the public school system we both graduated from, and Carter Traditional Elementary School is where we sent our son when he began Kindergarten in 2017. We quickly realized that it was not a good fit and began a new search. We looked at houses in Southern Indiana. We researched public schools in other counties in Kentucky. All we knew was we had to look at leaving because the options in our area are dismal. We remembered having gone to a Kindergarten Round Up event at CAL-SW and having loved it, but it had felt like an impossible dream because we weren't sure what to do about tuition. The Lord provided, though, and we were able to quickly finalize the application process and transfer our son to CAL-SW. His first couple of weeks at Carter had been fairly traumatic so needless to say he was apprehensive to begin again at a new school. When I pulled into the carpool line that first day fighting my own tears, I saw Mrs. Carson standing out front. She opened our car door and greeted my son by name. She took him by the hand and over his head gave me a mom-to-mom look of reassurance as she sweetly spoke to him and led him inside. That moment meant the world to me, and I broke down watching him walk into the building. I knew we had made the right choice no matter the cost, and I felt so thankful the Lord had made it possible. We had a place to send my babies where I knew they would be safe and loved on well. We had found them a home.*

*Fast forward and we now have a 6th grader and 3rd grader attending SW as well as a third child I had already submitted a Kindergarten application for for the '24-'25 school year. Her name is Ella, and she has talked to the teachers in the carpool line for years about when she will get to "come to big school too." We have debated moving out of the South End over the years countless times. We found ourselves scouring Zillow and going to open houses in New Albany and Floyd County thinking, "what if?" BUT... every. single. time. we come back to our families, the CAL-SW families, teachers, and church community we have built here over the years and we have stayed because it all matters to us that much. These are our people. These are my kids' people.*

## **"SAINTS FOREVER" ONLINE STORE**

Show your love for CAL-SW with a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie! This is an official SW-PTO design. All items are being sold at the supplier's cost so they are very affordable! Orders need to be placed by Wednesday, November 8 and will be delivered to the school on Friday, December 1 unless you choose a direct ship option. Please include your name and email address when placing the order at:

<https://teesntextiles.com/swcasaintsforever/shop/home>



## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Our Christmas Program this year is on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary of Southeast Christian Church next to our school. Students must be dropped off at the school entrance via the carpool lane at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. for seating. **Please do not bring your student to the church lobby.** Further details will follow in next week's newsletter, but please mark your calendars now for this special evening!