



# Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—November 15, 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).

## 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.

## 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 14 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.

## SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Our Junior Academy through 8th Grade students will not have school from Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November 24. We hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE EARLY CLOSURE

All students in extended care need to be picked up no later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 7 due to our Christmas program that evening.



## 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.

## 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, but please mark your calendars now for this special evening!

LUNCH				
NOVEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Penne Pasta w/Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Pears Garlic Toast	2 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chili Orange Slices, Chips Mini Rice Krispy Treat	3 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
6 Professional Development	7 Professional Development	8 Frito Pie Corn Pineapple	9 Cheeseburger Cataly Apple Slices	10 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
13 Chicken Quesadilla Fiesta Rice Pineapple	14 Fish Bites Macaroni & Cheese Tropical Fruit Salad Chicken Tortilla Soup	15 Southern Style Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans	16 Hot Dog Smiley Fries Grapes	17 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
20 Chicken & Cheese Cripitos Corn Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie	21 Pizza Fresh Veggies Fruit	22 Turkey	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Hot Pockets Tossed Salad Pears Onions	28 Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Peaches Vegetable Beef Soup	29 Penne Pasta w/Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Pears Garlic Toast	30 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chili Orange Slices, Chips Mini Rice Krispy Treat	

8-ounce 1% white milk, skim chocolate milk or water available daily. Menu subject to change.

## PARENT SEMINAR: SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET SAFETY

On Thursday, November 30 at 6:00 PM, Sgt. Zack Morris with the Kentucky State Police Electronic Crime Branch will be speaking on important topics related to Social Media and Internet Safety. This parent seminar will take place in our chapel. Such topics will include: Online Predators and red flags of what to look for, sexting, cyber-bullying and current trends in social media. He will also provide useful tips for parents on what they can do to be more proactive in protecting their children from online predators along with resources for parents to use on their children's electronic devices. ALL parents are requested. Due to the nature of the topics to be discussed, we ask that no children attend this evening seminar. Sgt. Morris will be presenting a student seminar to our 5th-8th Grade students on Tuesday afternoon, November 28. Permission forms for this seminar will be sent home with students and must be returned in order for students to participate. The student seminar will cover internet and social media safety, including "red flags" of online predators. To learn more about the work of the KSP Electronic Crime Branch in regards to child safety, please click here:

<https://nkytribune.com/2023/06/prevent-child-abuse-kentucky-ksp-release-new-resources-to-protect-kids-from-online-threats/>

## SECOND QUARTER SERVICE PROJECT



We are 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).

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In case the winter season does turn, all **school closings/delays** will be coming through our **FACTS Family Portal alert system**. It is essential that you keep your cell number, home number, and email address current in FACTS. This will be the first means of communication to families in regards to school closings or delays.

### TWO-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

K-8 families:

Morning carpool dropoff 9:45-10:05 AM

School Day begins 10:10 AM

If a child is currently enrolled in the Before School Care program they can arrive no earlier than 9:00 AM

Junior. Academy families:

Doors open at 9:00 AM

School day begins at 10:10 AM

### REMOTE LEARNING SNOW DAYS

We may utilize Remote Learning Days to avoid having to make up snow days. Work will be communicated by each teacher following Christian Academy remote learning guidelines.