

Upcoming Dates to Know

Thank you to all our alumni who participated in events this school year! We appreciate the support and loved the opportunity to reconnect with you! There are no more events scheduled for the remainder of the school year, but please stay tuned for exciting opportunities to connect in the Fall!



Featured Story

Hear from Madelyn (Brown) Hamby, a 2019 alumnae, who serves as our Girls Varsity Tennis coach, owns her own cottage bakery and was a featured chef at our Gala!



Our Gala was a memorable evening full of fellowship, gourmet bites and moving testimonials! Hear more about our Alumni Service Award winner and the many ways God is moving in our school system!



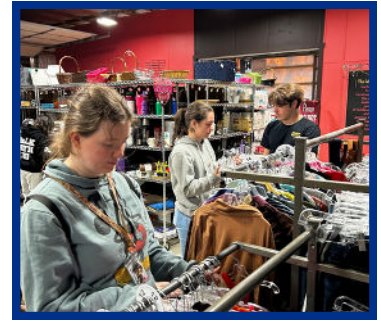
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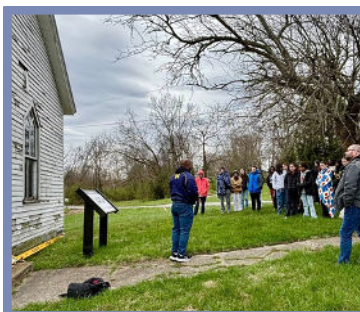
Our elementary students enjoyed precious time with their grandparents on Grandparent's Day!



Our seniors went out to six different locations in our community to serve in an inaugural Senior Service Day! The students worked hard and made an impact in these amazing ministries!



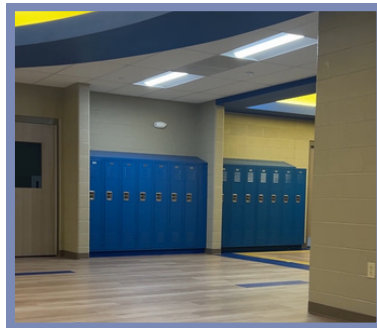
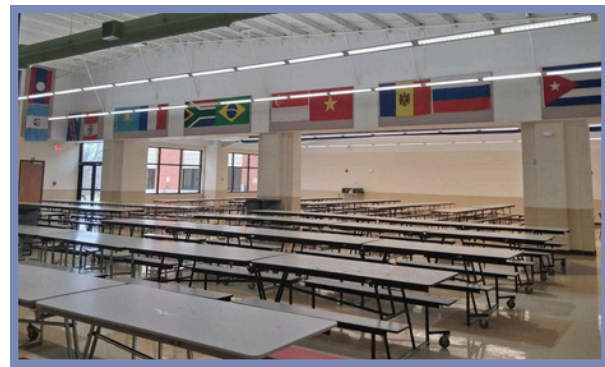
High schoolers from both CAI and CAL united on our first-ever field trip to Nicholasville & Wilmore, Kentucky with our Biblical Unity Director, Deon Parker! They visited historic sites at Asbury University and the Civil War Camp Nelson National Monument. So grateful for the fun and unifying memories made on this inaugural field trip!



MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION

We are excited to share that our new Middle School officially opened to students on March 2! The school includes 26 new classrooms, a media center, education resource rooms, three new science labs, two art rooms and a choir room, along with an expansion of 2,800 square feet to the cafeteria.

God has richly blessed us and we eagerly anticipate the bright future ahead!



See a full feature from the News and Tribune [here](#)
and from Inside INdiana Business [here](#).

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Looking back on my years at CAI, I'm filled with gratitude for the memories made through field trips, extracurriculars, and lasting friendships. From playing flute in the band for eight years under Mrs. Shouse to finding my voice in seven different theater productions, CAI has been my creative home. My senior year was a particular highlight, from giving a devotional at the Senior Retreat and performing in the pep band, to playing Mary in *It's a Wonderful Life* and capping it all off by winning tennis sectionals and advancing in regionals, made for an unforgettable finish. These moments only scratch the surface of my time here, but they are the ones I'll carry with me the longest.

Since graduating from Anderson University in December 2022, I've had the privilege of serving as the Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach at CAI. Entering my fourth year with the program, I find the greatest joy not just in building a competitive team, but in the opportunity to spiritually mentor the next generation. It has been incredibly rewarding to watch my first group of freshmen evolve into the strong leaders they are as seniors today. As a high school freshman, I launched MJ's Treats, selling cake pops to fund my mission trips and extracurriculars. What started as a side hustle fueled by a love for baking has grown into a full-time career. Today, MJ's Treats specializes in custom orders, wedding cakes, and large-scale events served from my mobile trailer. Coincidentally, the same year I went full-time with my business, I was also planning my wedding. My husband and I have a deep history with CAI—we met here in elementary school, became close friends in seventh grade, and eventually reconnected after graduation. We married in August 2023 and are now celebrating over two years of marriage.

CAI prepared me both spiritually and professionally, fostering an environment where my faith and my career aspirations could grow side-by-side. From participating in small groups and morning prayer sessions to hearing the Word of God integrated into daily classes, my personal walk with Christ was constantly enriched. Being surrounded by like-minded peers and mentors who championed the Gospel gave me the confidence to live unashamed of my beliefs. The teachers at CAI, from elementary through high school, genuinely invested in my spiritual growth and my dreams. I still vividly remember a craft in Miss Clark's Kindergarten class where we drew what we wanted to be when we grew up; I chose a baker. It's incredible to think back to that simple picture and realize I am living out that childhood dream today. That encouragement continued in fifth grade when Mrs. Wolfe selected me as the restaurant CEO for our JA BizTown field trip. She recognized my passion for baking and purposefully pushed me toward leadership. Years later, that support came full circle when my high school teachers became my very first customers, ordering cake pops to help me fund my mission trips. Even before my business went full-time, fellow classmates reached out to me for their wedding and birthday cakes. Their early support provided the necessary experience and confidence to take the leap into entrepreneurship. Every step of the way, the CAI community has played a pivotal role in my spiritual and professional development, and for that, I am extremely grateful.

-Madelyn (Brown) Hamby, Class of 2019



ALUMNI DINNER & DRAMA

We had a wonderful time reconnecting at our alumni dinner and enjoyed a lovely performance of *Pride and Prejudice* from our school's drama department. It was a joy to gather together, share memories, and celebrate the talents of our students!



2026 GALA: A GOURMET EXPERIENCE

Our 2026 Gala was a night to remember! We enjoyed gourmet bites from local restaurants, participated in an animated live auction, heard a powerful story from current CAI sophomore Larry Anderson and celebrated the many ways God is moving among our school system!

We were especially honored to recognize Erin (Huckabone) Kollman (pictured top right), Class of 2008, as the recipient of our first ever Alumni Service Award! Now a director at 7 Hills Church, Erin was able to share her testimony and recount the goodness in her life that began as a student in our school.

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed by donating an item, bidding in the auction, attending the event, making a donation or simply continuously keeping Christian Academy's staff, students and families in your prayers!



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