



Grandparents NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026



DATES TO KNOW:

September

- 9/10
Grandparents Club!
- 9/18 MS/HS Band Concert
- 9/29 Choir Concert at Graceland

October

- 10/1 - 10/3
Elementary Play - Mary Poppins Jr.
- 10/5 - 10/9 - Fall Break

Dear Grandparents,

I am pleased to share the first issue of our Grandparents Newsletter with you!

This year, we are introducing a newsletter that will be published every other month. Each issue will also feature a grandparent or grandchild story highlighting the meaningful ways our families serve and connect within the Christian Academy community.

I hope you enjoy our September issue! As always, I am grateful for your continued involvement and support.
Happy reading!

Thomas Gwinn

CELEBRATING

50
Christian Academy
SCHOOL SYSTEM
YEARS



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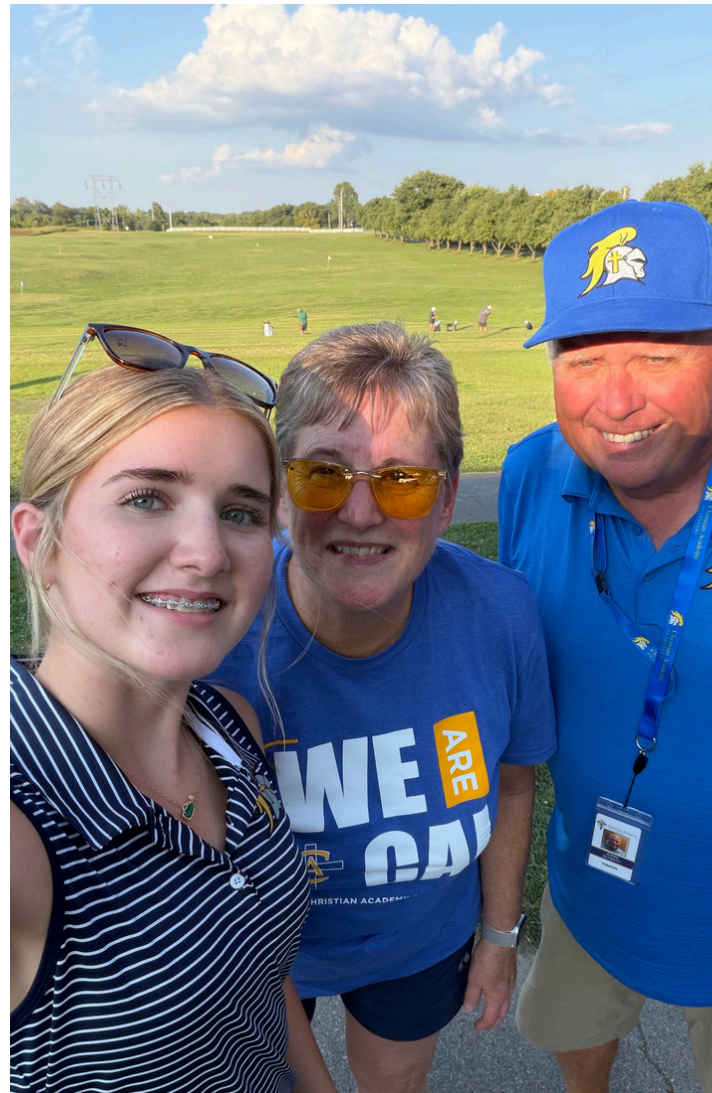
THE SCHMITT FAMILY

Isaiah 6:8 says, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

A LEGACY OF SERVING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

John and Lisa began their Christian Academy journey as parents in 2002, when their youngest daughter joined Christian Academy of Louisville to finish her final two years of high school. Fast-forward several years to 2014, when they became involved with Christian Academy once again—this time as grandparents to their oldest daughter's children, and this time across the river at Christian Academy of Indiana. Today, Charlotte is a senior, and Ellie is a sophomore.

Lisa began volunteering at Christian Academy of Indiana when Ellie started Kindergarten. She first served in the cafeteria and later began volunteering in the Elementary library, where she has continued to be a welcoming and -





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familiar presence for our elementary students—even though her own grandchildren have long since moved on to the upper grades. It's safe to say she found a place where her heart truly loves to serve.

Over the years, John has served on several boards and is currently serving as the girls golf coach alongside his son-in-law!

John and Lisa have been devoted supporters of Christian Academy of Indiana, and we are incredibly thankful for the ways they have invested in our school community. Their family's story is a beautiful example of how a Christian Academy connection can span generations—and how a heart for serving can leave a lasting impact.



When Lisa was asked what she would say to other grandparents, she said: "Volunteering at Christian Academy of Indiana is a wonderful way to be involved in your grandchildren's lives and to support the teachers and staff who are helping shape their education and faith. Your presence shows your grandchildren that you value their school, their friendships and the christian principles they are learning each day. It also gives you opportunities to build special memories with them while encouraging and serving others. By giving your time, talents and experience, you become part of a community that is investing in the next generation and helping reinforce the values of faith, love, service and compassion that you want your grandchildren to carry with them throughout their lives."





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SAVE THE DATES



Christian Academy
OF INDIANA

Grandparents *Make a Difference*

ENCOURAGING FAITH
SUPPORTING FAMILIES
INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

2026 - 2027 Grandparents Club Meetings

September 10

November 19

February 16

*Grandparents
Conference*

April 23



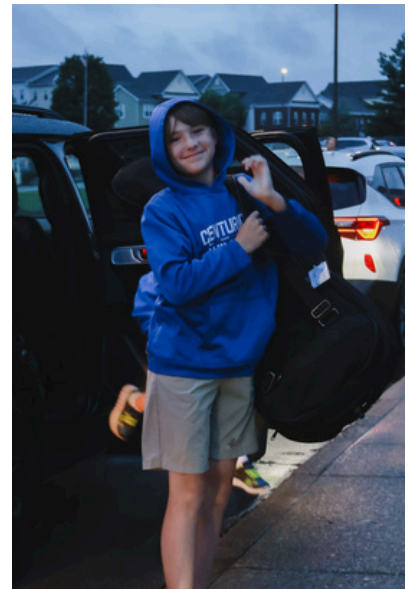
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

These photos capture the excitement that was in the air on the first day of school! We are thankful for a season of summer rest and grateful to be back in session for another year of learning and growing in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and men.





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ELEMENTARY



READING CELEBRATION DAY!

We loved celebrating our big summer readers at our reading celebration day! In total, 176 students completed all 40 spaces of their summer reading packets! Each student who completed, got to participate in enjoying snow cones from “The Icy Spoon” and ALL of our students had the opportunity to dress up as their favorite book character in celebration of reading.





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MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE EVENT

The event is an annual fundraiser organized by our seniors to help raise money for their senior trip. There is one for both middle school and high school.

It is a beloved CAI tradition enjoyed by students, faculty, and families. The 8th graders were the winners for THE MS Event this year!





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MIDDLE SCHOOL

A NEW INITIATIVE - HOUSE REVEAL

We are excited to launch a house system at CAI Middle School! Today, students gathered in the gym to discover which house they had been placed in by opening an envelope revealing their house color. We have six houses, each named after Christian heroes of the faith: Spurgeon, Ten Boom, Wilberforce, Perkins, Carmichael, and Lewis. Each week, students and staff will come together for House Time, with opportunities for leadership, fellowship, and discipleship. We look forward to all that is ahead and the many ways this new tradition will help our students grow together!





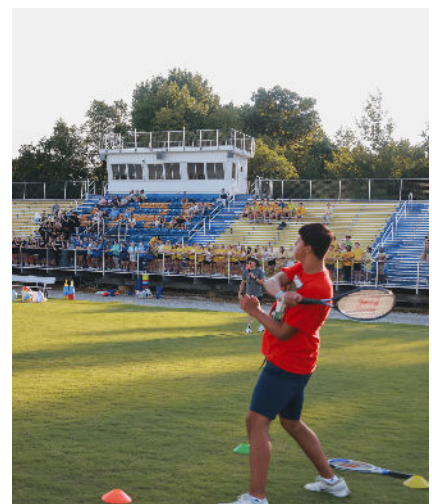
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HIGH SCHOOL

THE EVENT

We covered The Event for our middle schoolers—now let's hear it for the high schoolers!

A beloved CAI tradition, The Event brings students, faculty, and families together for a day of fun while raising funds for the senior trip. This year, the seniors came out on top and claimed the High School Event title!





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HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR RETREAT

Each year, our seniors begin their final year of high school with a senior retreat—a special time to build relationships, have fun, and grow together. The retreat includes plenty of games and activities, along with meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection. It's another beloved CAI tradition that helps make the senior year so memorable.





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3RD AND 4TH GRADE GRANDPARENTS DAY

GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Become an Honorary Warrior Grandparent!



We are looking for Honorary Warrior Grandparents to help make Grandparents Day special for every student!

Some of our students may not have a grandparent able to attend, and we would love to have special volunteers join us to step in as honorary grandparents for the day. Volunteers will spend time in the classroom, meet their student, and be shown around their classroom as they experience this special day together.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- 3rd Grade: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 4th Grade: 1–2 p.m.

If you would be willing to serve as an Honorary Warrior Grandparent during one of these times, we would love to have you join us! Please fill out [this form](#) to volunteer as an Honorary Warrior Grandparent.

Thank you for helping ensure that every student feels celebrated, loved, and included on Grandparents Day!



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WATCH DOGS

- Be a mentor for our students, help assist in many different ways, keeping students safe and engaged - [APPLY HERE](#)

ATHLETICS

- Gate workers - arrive 1 hour before the game, take money and sell tickets until halftime of the last game of the evening. Training will be before. Sign up sheet to work as little or as much as you want. Can get paid or volunteer
- Concession Stand - Organize stand and sell during games
- Run game clocks
- Announce at games
 - If interested in any of the above, please contact Athletic Director, Jeff DiPianta at jdipianta@caschools.us.
- All Athletic opportunities - [APPLY HERE](#)

ELEMENTARY

- [SIGN UP HERE](#) to help in the lunchroom
- [SIGN UP HERE](#) to visit the lunchroom
- Interested in helping a specific teacher? I will connect you with your Grandchild's teacher and open up the communication to start helping if they have a need.
- [Chapel Visit](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Stay tuned for future opportunities!

HIGH SCHOOL

- Greeters for concerts and programs
- ACT or Academic Tutoring
- Workshops or classroom instruction on specific topics students are currently learning
- Mentorship
 - If interested in any of the above, please contact Scott Luttrull at sluttrull@caschools.us.

LIBRARY

- We LOVE having parents and other family members volunteer in our elementary library! If you are interested, please fill out [this form](#).



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