

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Grandparents Club

Newsletter August 2025



Dear Grandparents,

We're thrilled to welcome you to the very first 25/26 School Year Edition of our monthly Grandparents Newsletter! Whether you're new to the CAI community or have been part of our family for years, we're so glad you're here.

Each month, this newsletter is designed with you in mind, giving you a glimpse into life at Christian Academy of Indiana, celebrate student milestones, and keep you informed about special events and opportunities to get involved.

Grandparents hold a cherished place in the heart of our school. Your encouragement, prayers, and presence mean so much not only to your grandchildren, but to our entire school community. We hope this newsletter helps you feel more connected to the everyday moments that make CAI so special.

Thank you for being an important part of the CAI family.

With heartfelt appreciation, Christian Academy Development Team

Dates to Know

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- August 19 First Day of Soccer Shots
- August 29 Dress as favorite book character day
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ELEMENTARY

- August 5 5th Grade Meet the Teacher, 4pm
- August 12 5th Grade Parent Event at Graceland, 6pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- August 4 6th Grade Orientation, 6pm
- August 5 7&8 Grade Orientation, 8:30am for A-K, 10:30am for L-Z, 2-3pm Open
- August 8 Middle School Event: Meet and Greet at 5 pm, The Event at 6 pm, Parent Meeting at 7 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

- August 4 Senior Orientation, 7pm
- August 5 Grades 9, 10, 11, Orientation, 8:30am for A-K, 10:30am for L-Z, 2-3pm Open
- August 15 High School Meet & Greet
- August 27 & 28 Senior Retreat

<u>All</u>

• August 6 - First Day of School

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DATES



All Grandaparents Club meetings will be held in the CAI Warrior Room at 9 a.m.

2025-2026 Meeting Dates

- August 26
- October 27
- December 16
- February 19

Grandparents Conference

April 24





All School Happenings...

On June 18, 2025, our Director of Biblical Unity, Mr. Deon Parker led a group of Christian Academy School System employees on a first-ever Journey to Biblical Unity field trip to Lexington & Louisville, Kentucky. During this trip, participants visited historic sites related to past times when racial division reigned in America. At these thought-provoking sites, they were exposed to individuals from past generations who served as positive unifiers, in spite of their challenging societal circumstances. The various sites visited, stories recounted, Scriptures recited, and reflective conversations led to a realization that God has done many wonderful and powerful things to make space for Christians to serve as Christlike unifiers in our present day.

This inspiring field trip concluded with a united prayer meeting at a local Louisville church that included employees from Christian Academy of Indiana, Christian Academy of Louisville, Portland Christian School, and Whitefield Academy. For nearly an hour, formal prayers were humbly directed to God, for Him to initiate an unprecedented era of Christian unity, in homes, churches, and schools throughout American society.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Christian Academy High School students will have an opportunity to participate in a 2nd annual Biblical unity field trip to Cincinnati, Ohio or a 1st annual Biblical unity field trip to Nicholasville/Wilmore, Kentucky. And Christian Academy 8th graders will have an opportunity to participate in a 3rd annual Biblical unity field trip to Berea, Kentucky. All of these trips were created to expose Christian Academy students and employees to historic examples of Biblical unifiers and cautionary examples of people who failed to love God and people well. Our hope is that this generation of Christian Academy students will become the greatest pursuers and promoters of Biblical unity in human history.











Junior Academy Happenings...



This summer, we dedicated time to prepare for the new Junior Academy students entering the 2025/2026 school year, ensuring they start their journey as successful Warriors. We hosted a playground playdate where new students could make friends, try out the play equipment, while parents could socialize and ask questions, and everyone could enjoy a cool popsicle. We're thrilled to embark on this Warrior journey with our newest students and families!







Elementary Happenings... Meet CAI Elementary Leaders

Dear Christian Academy of Indiana Grandparents,

Have you heard the adage..."The days go by slowly and the years go by fast? There's a lot of truth to that. If you're not sure you agree...take a look at old photos. Take a look at your children and grandchildren...how quickly have they grown? Isn't it a blessing to reflect on the time we have been blessed with to spend with my family. It's yet another reminder that God has been so faithful.

As elementary principals, we are grateful that we have the opportunity to help your grandchild(ren) know that He is who He says He is. In every content area, we are intentional about teaching our students that everything goes back to Him. In addition to Bible class, Biblical Worldview Standards are implemented in every unit of study across all subjects. It is with great joy that we can assure you that your grandchild(ren) hears Truth every single day when they are at Christian Academy of Indiana. We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with your family to develop wisdom, stature and favor with God and men. "Let us...(keep) our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfector of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

We also appreciate you, grandparents. We see and hear of the impact that you have on your family. Our students often share the important roles that their grandparents play in their lives. Thank you for your encouragement and support as we partner with your family. As we begin a new school year, remember that He is rock solid and unchanging. I pray that you and your family are able to experience that truth as well. Know that we are praying for you and cheering you on as you love your family well. The power of your influence is lasting and significant. Thank you for serving well!



All for His Glory,

Dr. Morrow CAI Elementary Principal Mrs. Neal CAI Elementary Assistant Principal





Elementary Happenings...



Our new elementary students had the same opportunity as our JA students and were invited to their own Popsicles on the Playground event. These students came prepared with questions about the cafeteria menu, the length of recess, and when they would find out who their new teacher would be. We're excited to see these students in their new uniforms as young Christian Academy Warriors!





Middle School Happenings... Meet CAI Middle School Leaders



Patty Lindley, Assistant Principal & Taylor Jarmon, Principal

Our CAI Middle School is in the midst of some exciting changes! After years of having our middle and high school combined, we've grown so much that it's time to separate the two into distinct schools. The new middle school building will allow us to focus more intentionally on students in grades 5–8 and create a vibrant, age-appropriate middle school culture that supports their unique academic, social, and spiritual growth.

We are thrilled to welcome Taylor Jarman as our new Middle School Principal! Mr. Jarman comes to us from Texas where he served as a teacher and administrator over the last 12 years. He brings with him a deep passion for mentoring students, a heart for discipleship, and a commitment to academic excellence. His enthusiasm for building strong relationships with students, staff, and families will be a tremendous asset as we shape the future of our middle school.

We are also excited to have Patty Lindley continue to serve as our assistant principal. Now in her 27th year with Christian Academy, she brings a wealth of experience, wisdom, and dedication to our students. Her longstanding leadership and deep love for this community make her an invaluable part of this exciting new chapter. We look forward to all that God has in store as we launch this next season for our middle school!





Middle School Happenings...



Being a new student in middle school and high school brings the opportunity to make many new friends. And that's exactly what these new to CAI middle and high school did at our welcome event held at Charlestown Park's The Depot! Students connected over volleyball, ping-pong, can-ball, and boba tea even though a mid-evening downpour tried to dampen the fun. Everyone emerged sopping wet, but having made great memories and new connections!













Middle School Happenings... 6th Grade Girls Retreat



This is the second year I have hosted this event for our incoming 6th grade girls and I think it is so valuable before we start the school year! It is a time to get together while still in the fun of summertime. Some of the girls are seeing their friends again for the first time since school ended, which is so fun to see, but more importantly, our new students are invited so they get to know some of our current students in a relaxed and fun environment.

We shared a meal together, then we had a current high schooler at CAI give her testimony. We followed that with a time of precious worship together and then a short little devotional on friendship and biblical conflict resolution. The girls got to finish the night with making friendship bracelets for another friend and were encouraged to pray for that friend as they created the bracelet.

We have teacher chaperones who get

to introduce themselves to the students and talk with them before they get into the classroom in just a few short weeks. I also get to introduce myself and my role so the girls feel comfortable knowing a trusted adult in the building should they need anything. It's such a blessing to get to know them and spend time with these girls!

> Jenny Davison, M.A. HS/MS Counselor





High School Happenings... Meet CAI High School Leaders

My name is Scott Luttrull, and I'm honored to serve as the High School Principal at Christian Academy of Indiana. I'm a lifelong Hoosier, and my family and I were thrilled when God led us to southern Indiana in 2020. I've spent the past 16 years in Christian education, and having attended Christian school from preschool through 12th grade, I'm deeply thankful for the godly educators who poured into my life. It's my prayer that I can do the same for our students.



Scott Luttrell, Principal



Robbie Brown, Assistant Principal

In 2024, we were excited to welcome Robbie Brown as Assistant Principal. Robbie brings more than 20 years of teaching and administrative experience from Christian Academy of Louisville, and his wisdom has already been a tremendous asset as we grow.

That growth has been significant—since 2020, our high school enrollment has increased by around 60%. This has opened the door to incredible new opportunities for our students and families.

One area we're especially proud of is the return and expansion of our missions program. After a pause due to the pandemic, we've relaunched with even greater momentum. We've added a second trip to Honduras, introduced two trips to eastern Kentucky, and saw record participation in our Poland mission this year. It's inspiring to see our students and staff serving Christ around the world.

Academically, our dual credit partnership with Ivy Tech continues to thrive. The majority of our students now graduate with several college classes already completed—all taught on our campus by Christian educators who incorporate a biblical worldview into each course.

We've also launched a brand-new internship program for seniors this year, with about 20 students participating. These students split their time between school and local business partners, gaining valuable real-world experience while finishing their coursework. If you're interested in hosting a student intern, we'd love to hear from you!

We're incredibly grateful for what God is doing at CAI and excited for what's ahead.





Athletic Happenings...

The Christian Academy of Indiana Athletic Department is led by Athletic Director Kevin Bowers, with Assistant Athletic **Directors Chrissy Millen and** Kate Elliott, and Administrative Assistant Jessica McKain. Together, this leadership team supports 19 varsity programs and over 700 student-athletes across grades K-12. Each member plays a vital role in ensuring that the athletic experience is organized, mission-driven, and centered around student growth-both on and off the field.



Our work is deeply aligned with the school's mission to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and men on the field/court/track/course, in the classroom, and in life.

This school year brings new energy and exciting changes, including the installation of a new playing and practice facility in the lower field. This investment in our campus will expand training opportunities, provide flexible scheduling, and enhance the overall quality of our athletic offerings. We are committed to creating spaces and programs that reflect the excellence and care we expect from our student-athletes and coaches, which is why we continually focus on opportunities for upgrading existing areas to enhance the athletic footprint and increase our sporting capacity.

Personally, I am looking forward to strengthening our athletic programs by focusing on building strong foundational experiences at the elementary level. Early involvement in athletics plays a key role in long-term development, and we are committed to making those experiences positive and impactful. Our coaching roster has grown to include more than 160 coaches/volunteers who serve across all levels of our K–12 programming. This expansion allows us to provide greater support, mentorship, and continuity across programs, ultimately helping our athletes reach their full potential.

Kevin Bowers, CAI Athletic Director





GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

<u>Grandparents Club</u> <u>Facebook Group</u> <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Request to join the CAL Grandparents Facebook Group! Below is what the group page looks like.



<u>Grandparents Club</u> <u>Webpage</u> <u>CLICK HERE</u>

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Tell us about your Grandkids! <u>CLICK HERE</u>







Grandparent opportunities for the 25/26 school year

The CAI Grandparents Club aims to foster intergenerational connections that can support our students' education. Our goal is to see more interaction between grandparents and students. Below are some grandparent opportunities to be involved inside and outside of the school.

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

Library

• Book fair volunteers with student shopping and creating wish lists

Elementary:

- Lunchroom visits/helpers
- 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

Middle School:

- Missions snacks for meetings, help with getting kids organized and ready for their mission trips
- Lunch Helpers

High School:

- Greeters for concerts and programs
- ACT Tutoring
- Subbing teaching and reception
- Workshops or classroom instruction with specific topics students are currently learning
- Mentorship

<u>ALL</u>

- Concert/Program Greeters
- Grandparents in prayer Notes of Encouragement (Great for out of town Grandparents)
- GRANDBAKERS 2 weeks each month, make treats for our teachers/school staff