

***Thank you for being a part
of the Grandparents Club!***

Next Meeting Date

December 16 at 9 a.m.

Elementary Entrance - Warrior Room

Join us as we hear from a panel of our Elementary, Middle School, and High School principals, led by Head of Schools Bryce Hibbard. They will provide insight into the day-to-day operations of their schools, the spiritual growth of their students and answer questions from our grandparents.

**[CLICK HERE to Submit
Principal Panel Questions](#)**

Dates to Know

JUNIOR ACADEMY

- December 9 - Christmas Program, 6 pm
- December 19 - Christmas Parties

ELEMENTARY

- December 4-5 - Christmas Shop
- December 4-17 - Book Fair
- December 11 - 1st Grade Christmas Program, 6 pm
- December 11 - 2nd Grade Christmas Program, 7 pm
- December 19 - Christmas Parties

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- December 15 - Choir Concert, 6:30 pm
- December 18 - Band Concert, 6:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

- December 15 - Choir Concert, 6:30 pm
- December 18 - Band Concert, 6:30 pm
- December 18-19 - Finals

ALL

- December 19 - Homecoming
- December 22 - January 2 - No School

SAVE
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DATES



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

2025-2026 Meeting Dates

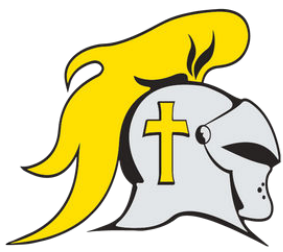
- August 26
- October 27
- December 16
- February 19

Grandparents Conference

- April 24

25

26



As 2025 Comes to an End...

Dear Grandparents,

This season, we'd like to share a "Heart Story" from one of our Christian Academy students, Eli Graves.

Junior Eli Graves loves soccer, Alabama football and hopes to study mechanical engineering one day. For now, at Christian Academy of Indiana, what's most impacted who Eli is and who he envisions himself to be in the future has been two summer mission trips to Honduras.

Leaving the U.S. for the first time "exposed me to true poverty," Eli shared. "The people there have so little but their faith is incredible. They rely on God for everything and He always provides."

This year's trip brought challenges, including their chef suffering a heart attack, but God continued to provide meals in unexpected ways. One powerful moment came when the group encountered a man who was drunk and unwashed outside a restaurant. While students were uneasy, their teacher, Mr. Beardsley, spoke with him, shared the Gospel and invited him to church. "At first, I thought that man was worthless," Eli admitted. "But he's a child of God. Seeing Mr. Beardsley treat him that way changed how I see people. I think about it every day."

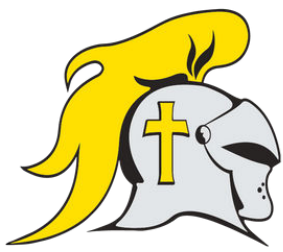
Now back home, Eli strives to reach beyond his usual circle of friends. "You might be the only Jesus someone sees," he says.

Helping a local man build his home also taught Eli about leadership. The man didn't micromanage but trusted others to work together. Reflecting on these experiences, Eli says the trips shaped the kind of father and leader he hopes to become. "I want to be like that one day."

We praise God for how He continues to move in the hearts of our students. Stories like Eli's remind us that your generosity fuels Kingdom transformation. As you consider your holiday giving, we invite you to prayerfully support our mission with a meaningful gift that will make an immediate impact.

Merry Christmas!

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Newsletter
December 2025

Welcome to the Team...

Thomas Qwinn, Development Director

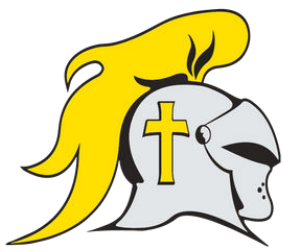
Hello CAI Grandparents,

My name is Thomas Gwinn, and I'm excited to connect with you as part of our growing CAI community. My family and I have been blessed to be part of CAI, and it's been a joy watching our daughters learn, grow, and be shaped by the teachers, staff, and families over the past nine years. My wife, Allie, serves as a Middle School Science teacher at CAI, and when she started this year, we decided to be all in as a family. Not long after, I stepped into my position here as well, and we've loved getting to be involved in the life of the school together.

Grandparents play such an important role in the heart of CAI. The way you support, encourage, pray for, and show up for your grandchildren is a gift to the entire school. I'm looking forward to getting to know this incredible group of people, hearing your stories, and helping you stay connected to what's happening on campus in meaningful ways.

Thank you for being such a vital part of the CAI family. I can't wait to meet more of you soon.



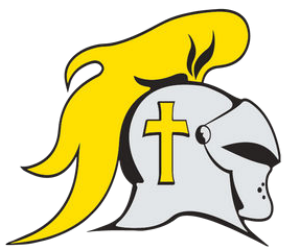


All School Happenings... Open House

On October 30th, CAI hosted their fall Open House and it was wonderful! The evening began in the auditorium with a brief welcome and overview of our school's mission, followed by the principals sharing about their school with the families. Afterwards, individual family tours were conducted by our staff and students for all areas of our campus, from Junior Academy through High School. Each area showcased various parts of their school that were distinctive, such as student clubs, academic programs, sports, arts and elective opportunities. Our youngest visitors were offered a Passport to complete along the way for a special gift at the end of the night, as well as an opportunity to pet our service dog, Indie. The evening included lots of great discussion about all that CAI has to offer. God was kind and we welcomed 54 families, which represented 80 students. Please pray for these families as they make choices about their child's education.

Lorrie Baechtel, Director of Admissions



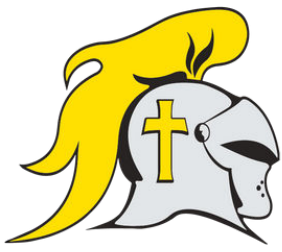


All School Happenings...

Operation Christmas Child & Chapel

We are grateful for Samaritan's Purse and our partnership with Operation Christmas Child, giving students (JA–12th grade) a meaningful way to think of others this season. In October, students prayed over the items they would include in their shoeboxes, which were returned on November 19th. First Grade and the Senior Class led this all-school service project, with support from our Grandparents Club, who helped prepare and deliver the boxes, make posters, and share the message of compassion in chapel. On November 19th, boxes were placed around a large map in the gym, and K–12th graders gathered to worship and pray for the recipients worldwide. Seniors and first graders prayed together for the five regions—Americas, Europe, Asia, Pacific, and Africa—that each child would know Jesus as the greatest gift. - Wendy Wagner, Spiritual Life



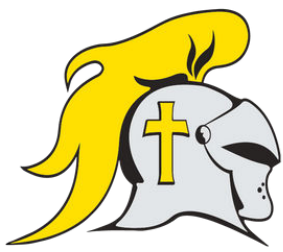


Elementary School Happenings...

World Kindness Day

CAI Elementary celebrated World Kindness Day this month with a challenge led by Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Richards during their classroom guidance lessons. Students were encouraged to choose three new acts of kindness from a curated list of simple, meaningful ways to build habits of kindness not just for one day, but throughout the year. These acts could be practiced at home, in the classroom, or out in the community. Pictured here is our Kindness Club, a group of dedicated 3rd and 4th graders who play an important role in promoting kindness among their peers. This year's Kindness Club shirts were proudly designed by one of our very own 4th grade students.





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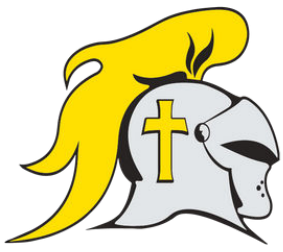
Happy Thanksgiving!

Some of our CAI Elementary students would like to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you enjoy time with your families and spoil your grandkids even more. When students return from break, we can't wait to hear all about what they ate, who they visited, and how much they enjoyed their time with you.



HAPPY
*Thanks
Giving*





High School Happenings...

Senior Highlight

CAI High School seniors led this year's Operation Christmas Child project, showing younger students the importance of serving beyond our community. By organizing and packing donations, they not only helped children around the world receive gifts but also modeled generosity and leadership for the whole student body.





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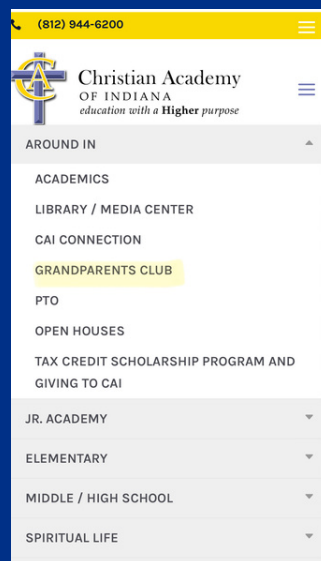
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GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

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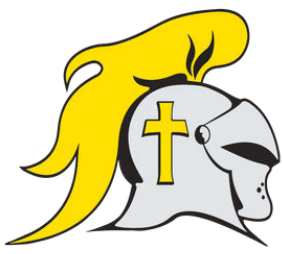
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Webpage
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Request to join the
CAL Grandparents Facebook Group!
Below is what the group page looks like.



**Tell us about your
Grandkids!**
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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
- All Athletic opportunities - [APPLY HERE](#)

Library

- Book fair volunteers with student shopping and creating wish lists
- [SIGN UP HERE](#) to help

Watch Dogs

- Be a mentor for our students, help assist in many different ways, keeping students safe and engaged
- [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

Middle School:

- Missions - snacks for meetings, help with getting kids organized and ready for their mission trips - email tbarnett@caschools.us
- Lunch Helpers

High School:

- Greeters for concerts and programs
- ACT Tutoring
- Workshops or classroom instruction on specific topics students are currently learning
- Mentorship

ALL

- Chapel Visitors - [SIGN UP HERE](#)
- Grandparents in prayer - Notes of Encouragement (Great for out of town Grandparents)
- Substitute Teaching - [APPLY HERE](#)
- GRANDBAKERS - [SIGN UP HERE](#)