

Dear Grandparents,

Welcome to the second edition of our Grandparents Newsletter! The school year is already off to a wonderful start, filled with joyful classroom moments, meaningful chapel services, and special events that have brought our students and families together. We are so grateful for the role grandparents play in encouraging and supporting our community, you are truly a vital part of the Christian Academy family.

In this issue, you'll find campus highlights and upcoming opportunities to get connected, plus a closer look at our Admissions team. Their work goes far beyond processing applications. They walk alongside families as they prayerfully consider Christian Academy, hosting tours, answering questions, and sharing how faith is integrated in every classroom. You'll also discover meaningful ways to stay involved throughout the year, from attending events, to volunteering, to supporting our mission through prayer.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Christian Academy Development Team

Dates to Know

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- September 11 - Picture Day
- September 23 - Family Fest, 6 pm
- September 24 - NO SCHOOL, Conference Day

ELEMENTARY

- September 11 - Kindergarten Picture Day
- September 12 - Picture Day
- September 24 - NO SCHOOL, Conference Day
- September 25-27, The Grunch Play

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- September 12 - Picture Day
- September 19 - Band Concert, 6:30 pm
- September 30 - Choir Concert, 6:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

- September 5 - School sponsored mission trip meeting for parents, 6:30-7:30 pm, auditorium
- September 12 - Picture Day
- September 19 - Band Concert, 6:30 pm
- September 30 - Choir Concert, 6:30 pm

ALL

- September 1 - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
- September 2 - Remote Learning Day
- September 4 - Watch Dogs Meeting, 6 pm
- September 12 - NEW family Tailgate

SAVE
THE
DATES



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Grandparents Club

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

2025-2026 Meeting Dates

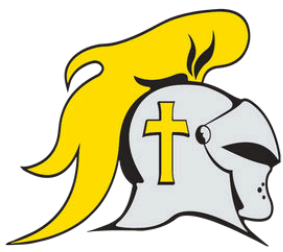
- August 26
- October 27
- December 16
- February 19

Grandparents Conference

- April 24

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All School Happenings...

Thank you grandparents for your support of your grandchildren's enrollment at Christian Academy! I know at times you help them with their classwork, run them back and forth to school, attend their activities and most importantly pray for them. We are grateful for you!

My name is Lorrie Baechtel and I am honored to be in my 11th year as Director of Admissions for Christian Academy School System. Myself and my team, Wendy Smith and Lori Glaab, walk alongside our prospective families through the admissions process, Junior Academy through 12th grade. From the first point of contact with a prospective family, we excitedly share our school's desire to walk alongside them and their churches to help develop their child's heart for God and help them grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men (Luke 2:52). We also share that our distinctiveness is not only our mission, but also our commitment to strong, biblical worldview instruction, implemented from Junior Academy through 12th grade. As a covenant Christian school, we ask all our families to partner with us by being regular attenders, 3-4 times a month, in their Bible believing churches. As an admissions criteria and part of our admissions file, we gather information for each student about a current church reference. This is a critical part of our ongoing partnership with parents.

As an Admissions team in Indiana, we have added more than 250 new students for the 2025-2026 school year thus far, with a few more coming! A few highlights from this school year for our team has been assisting a missionary family from France through the admissions process and helping them get enrolled. Also sharing with our prospective families about how affordable a Christian education can be through the Indiana School Choice program. Not to mention the great news that next year, school year 2026-2027, there will be no income restrictions to be eligible for Indiana School Choice. But our greatest joy comes when we hear how our new students are growing in their love for Christ and then going home to share what they are learning with their parents and hopefully grandparents! It truly is our deepest hope that our students will know they are loved by Christ, come to know Him as their Savior and then go out and tell others about Him.



From left to right: Wendy, Lori and Lorrie



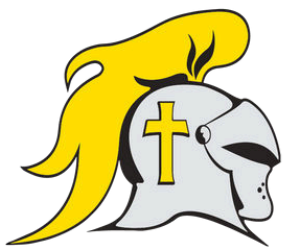
Elementary Happenings...

First Day of School!



The first day of elementary school at CAI was filled with joy, excitement, and a few happy tears as students eagerly returned to campus or stepped into their classrooms for the very first time. Bright smiles, colorful backpacks, and warm welcomes from teachers and staff set the tone for a Christ-centered year of learning and growth. From morning greetings to classroom icebreakers, it was a day full of energy, prayer, and new beginnings. We are so thankful for the strong partnership with our families and look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!





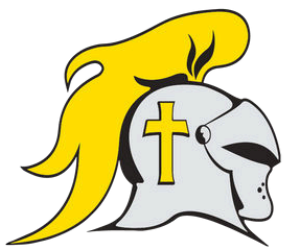
Middle School Happenings...

First Day of School!



The first day back at CAI Middle School was filled with excitement and energy as students reunited with friends, met their new teachers, and explored fresh opportunities for the year ahead. Hallways buzzed with chatter and laughter, lockers clicked open, and classrooms came alive with the sounds of learning. This year, our 5th grade students are making memories of their own at Graceland Church while we await the completion of our new middle school building. From morning greetings to the final bell, it was a day of building connections, setting goals, and embracing the start of another Christ-centered year of growth and discovery.



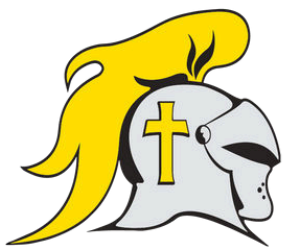


Middle School Happenings... The Event



What an incredible time our Indiana campus middle schoolers had at THE EVENT. From start to finish, the night was filled with energy, laughter, and unforgettable memories. Students enjoyed fun games, time with friends, and powerful moments that encouraged them to grow in their faith and community. The impact of the night was so meaningful that even The News and Tribune picked up the story! We love when our students shine and when the greater community gets a glimpse of what God is doing at Christian Academy. Check out the article [HERE!](#)





High School Happenings...

First Day of School!

The first day back at CAI High School set the tone for an exciting year ahead, as students returned with fresh energy, ready to take on new challenges and opportunities. The campus was alive with handshakes, hugs, and laughter as classmates caught up after summer break. Teachers welcomed students into their classrooms, casting vision for the months ahead, while seniors embraced their leadership role and freshmen began their high school journey. It was a day of renewed friendships, new beginnings, and a shared commitment to glorifying God in every area of life.





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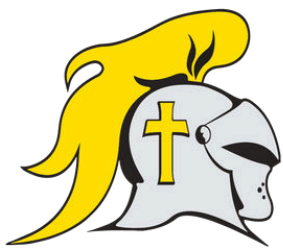
High School Happenings...

THE EVENT



What an unforgettable night CAI high schoolers had at THE EVENT! The evening was packed with excitement as students came together for high-energy games, time to connect with friends, and moments of encouragement that reminded them of the importance of faith and community during their high school years. The atmosphere was electric, and the impact was lasting as students walked away challenged, inspired, and celebrated. We are so grateful for the opportunity to pour into our high schoolers in such a meaningful way!





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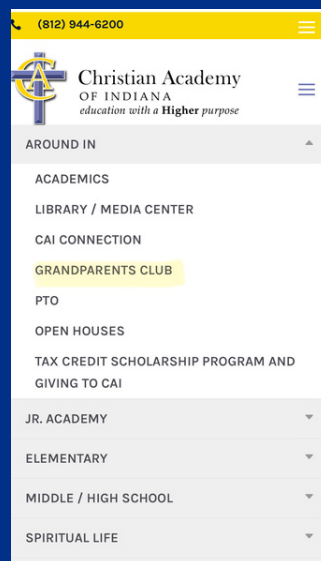
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GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

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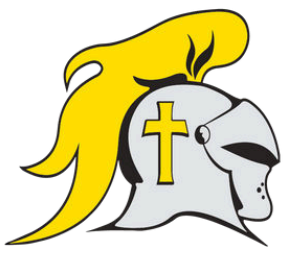
Grandparents Club
Webpage
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Request to join the
CAI Grandparents Facebook Group!
Below is what the group page looks like.



**Tell us about your
Grandkids!**
CLICK HERE





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
- [SIGN UP HERE](#) to help

Watch Dogs

- Be a mentor for our students, help assist in many different ways, keeping students safe and engaged - [SIGN UP HERE](#) to attend informational meeting, September 4
- [SIGN UP HERE](#) to apply

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
- 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

ALL

- Chapel Visitors - [SIGN UP HERE](#)
- Grandparents in prayer - Notes of Encouragement (Great for out of town Grandparents)
- GRANDBAKERS - 2 weeks each month, make treats for our teachers/school staff