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Featured Story

Hear from Clay Manley, Class of 2002, and 2026-2027 Alumni Sponsor, about some of his favorite memories as a student and why he chooses to send his children to CAL today!

SAVE THE DATE

November 14: Christmas at CAL

March 6: Alumni Dinner & Drama

May 12: Alumni Chapel



Come see what life at Christian Academy could look like for your family! Join us for our Open House on Thursday, November 5, from 6-8 p.m.!

Register here

CHRISTMAS at CAL

Join us Saturday, November 14, for Christmas at CAL!

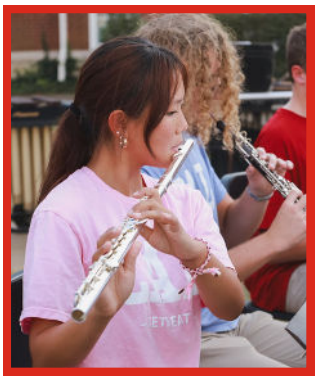
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FROM THE HALLS

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Our CAL community gathered for Concert on the Lawn, enjoying an incredible evening of music, fellowship, and time together! Our Choir, String Orchestra, and Band each took the stage and shared their talents!



Our 7th- and 8th- grade students joined us for High School Preview Day! We're excited for all that the high school years have in store for our students, from discovering new opportunities to growing in who God created them to be!






Our CAL 4th and 5th graders got a glimpse of middle school life through a fun introduction to the CAL Middle School House Program! Students experienced the connections that make each House a "family within a family." It's one of the ways we help students feel seen, known and loved as they prepare for their next chapter.






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FEATURED STORY

I loved my time at CAL. From the very beginning, it felt like family. I remember my first day there in 2nd grade. Mrs. Thomas assigned another student to befriend me, the new kid. His name was Josh Pittman, and we remain close to this day. Our senior prank of loading old used tires over the flagpole has to be one of my favorite memories. Not because of the prank, but the response from our principal, Tim Greener. About a week later, I was pulling those same tires off a light post in front of our farm.

What sticks out most, though, are the early days of CAL football, specifically our first road win in program history. If you've ever been on a bus ride home after a road win, you know the feeling. From zero wins in year one of a varsity schedule to hosting the first round of the playoffs as a senior, there are too many good memories to share from that experience. Billy Bosworth really laid the foundation for what the program has become.

It's so inspiring to think back about the vision some of those people had and the path they paved for what we are now. Billy in football, Jeff Imlay in basketball, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Greener, Mr. Tabb and Mrs. Poulter for the school in general. Those people all poured so much into the students and always kept the focus on Christ.

I can't say I was mature enough to realize the value of what I was being taught at the time. I had, and probably still have, a lot to learn and am sure I made some of my teachers and coaches cringe for a decade or so after high school with the decisions I made. What I know now is the foundation laid by teachers to view everything through a Biblical lens eventually began shaping the decisions I made. I was just a slow learner.

Today I am married to Laura Wilhem Manley and have three kids at CAL. I work as an industrial real estate broker with Cushman & Wakefield and enjoy coaching my kids in football and lacrosse. They won't let me coach my daughter in gymnastics, probably because I can't even touch my toes, ha! While every school, CAL included, has its flaws, I have not seen another school in Louisville that still prioritizes Christ above all else. If we forget that, individually or collectively, we are headed down the wrong path. That's why my kids are here and why I try to stay involved wherever possible. In my opinion, all things considered, there is not a better option out there for kids to grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man.

-Clay Manley, Class of 2002







CHRISTMAS AT CAL

As we reflect on the many wonderful traditions of the past 50 years, we are excited to announce that Christmas at CAL is returning for the 2026 season on Saturday, November 14, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

This beloved tradition is being revived by a dedicated group of parents and alumni who want to honor its meaningful history at Christian Academy's Rock Creek Campus while bringing fresh ideas to this year's celebration.

Learn more about Christmas at CAL



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Come visit us anytime! Whether it has been a few months or many years since your last visit, our doors are always open. Come see what's new and how your legacy continues to grow!

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