



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 CAL 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 Louisville, 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 CAL so special.

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

With heartfelt appreciation,
Danielle Gleitz

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Dates to Know

ELEMENTARY

- August 4 - Teacher Meet & Greet
- August 27/28 - Yearbook Photos

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- August 14 - First Chapel
- August 20 - Yearbook Photos
- August 28 - Parent Night, 6-8pm

HIGH SCHOOL

- August 14 - First Chapel
- August 19 - Yearbook Photos
- August 28 - Senior Retreat
- August 29 - All Grade levels retreat

ALL

- August 2 - CAL Prayer Walk, 3-5pm, check in at the flag poll
- August 6 - First Day of School
- August 22 - New Family Tailgate

SAVE
THE
DATES



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Grandparents Club

All Grandparents Club meetings will be held in the CAL Media Center at 9 a.m.

2025-2026 Meeting Dates

- August 25
- October 29
- December 15
- February 18

Grandparents Conference

- April 24

25 / 26

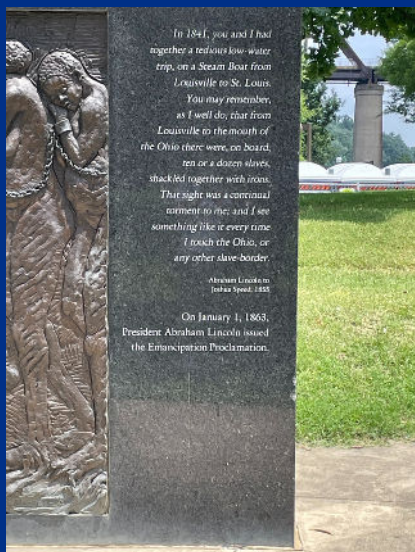


All School Happenings...

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.

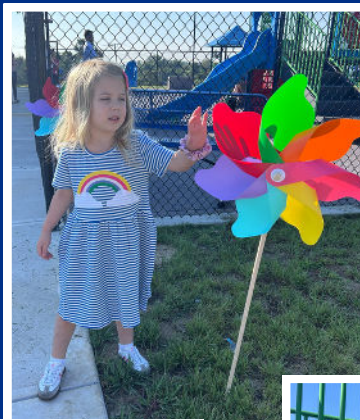




Junior Academy Happenings...



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 Centurions. We hosted a playground playdate where new students could make friends, try out the brand new play equipment, while parents could socialize and ask questions, and everyone could enjoy a cool popsicle. We're thrilled to embark on this Centurion journey with our newest students and families!





Elementary Happenings...

Meet CAL Elementary Leaders!

As we prepare for the 2025-26 school year, we are asking the Lord to do mighty things at Christian Academy of Louisville Elementary School and Junior Academy (CAL EL & CAL JA). With our mission focused on developing students with a heart for God, we are very excited about another opportunity to impact the school's youngest learners with a fantastic Christian education experience. Over the past several weeks, we have welcomed both new staff and students to our school family.



From left to right: Jeremy Gutierrez, Assistant Principal, Michael Chitty - EL Principal, Anna Carson - EL Assistant Principal

At CAL, we desire to educate the whole child as they grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and men (Luke 2:52). We believe in creating a school experience that is mission-minded, engaging, challenging, and fun. The planning for the upcoming school year has focused on creating a school culture that reflects both the mission and "The CAL Way".

Further, we believe in keeping life preparation foundational and are committed to teaching students life-lessons and the importance of virtues/character qualities such as:

- Manners (including those labeled as "old-fashioned", e.g., yes ma'am/no ma'am, how to shake hands, standing for adults, making eye contact, writing thank you notes, etc.)
- Serving others first
- Being on time
- Diligent work-ethic
- Respect for adults
- And many more

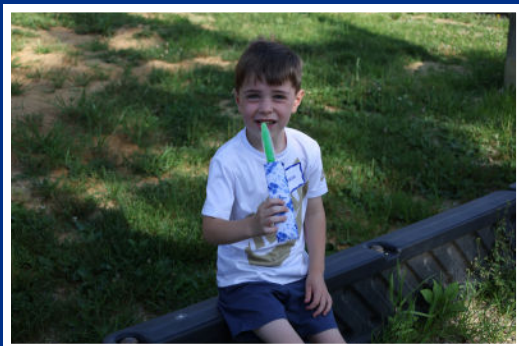
We covet your prayers and support as we train up the next generation of Christian leaders for God's glory!



Elementary Happenings...



We took time this summer to prepare for new elementary children to enter the 2025/2026 school year as successful Centurions by taking advantage of the elementary playground! New to CAL elementary students were invited to join us on the playground to meet other students, allow parents to mingle and ask questions, and top off the playdate with a refreshing popsicle. We hope our newest students and families are just as excited as we are to begin their Centurion journey!





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Middle School Happenings...

Meet CAL Middle School Leaders



Andy Matthies, Assistant Principal & Bill Miller, Principal

CALMS Grandparents,

On behalf of the entire school community, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your continued support, encouragement, and most importantly, your faithful prayers.

As grandparents, you play an invaluable role in the lives of our students—shaping their faith, cheering them on, and lifting them up in ways that leave a lasting generational impact. Your presence and involvement are a true blessing to our school, and we are so grateful for the foundation of faith and love you help to build, not to mention the treats you prepare and share with our teachers!

We pray that you continue to feel deeply connected to our school family and know just how appreciated you are.

With gratitude,

Mr. Miller
Principal

Mr. Matthies
Assistant Principal



Middle School Happenings...



Moving to a new school as a middle schooler can be a bit nerve-racking! To help ease those jitters, we organized an event at Activate Games for new and current students to connect. After a few icebreaker games that encouraged introductions, everyone was grouped with enthusiastic teachers. They jumped, climbed, and solved problems together—all while enjoying plenty of laughs!





High School Happenings...

Meet CAL High School Leaders



Talbott Benken,
Principal



Cassandra Woods,
Vice Principal



Craig Wallace,
Vice Principal

The high school team at CAL is fully committed to partnering with parents to cultivate the gifts that the LORD has placed into your grandchildren. Our vision is to prepare all of our students for the calling that God has placed on their lives. Knowing that the Lord equips kids for the mission He has for them, we hold the responsibility for preparing students academically while sharing the burden (and partnering with parents, grandparents, church) for their spiritual and social preparation.

We believe what Isaiah 25:1 says—"the plans of the LORD are from old; faithful and sure"--that the God has a plan for each young person (your grandchildren) at CAL. I am especially impressed by the impact of loving, Godly and supportive grandparents. My grandparents were all of these things.

With that in mind, I would encourage you to pray daily for each of your grandchildren and for those who are teaching and discipling them. We covet your prayers for the ministry of Christian Academy. We are praying--most importantly--that God would be glorified here each day. We are also praying that this entire campus would be filled with the Holy Spirit and that the LORD would do a great work here among the next generation. Please join us in these sincere and expectant prayers. This is the best way you can support CAL and your grandchild's experience here.

Thank you for the ways you support your grandchildren in their spiritual development and in their education.

Blessings!

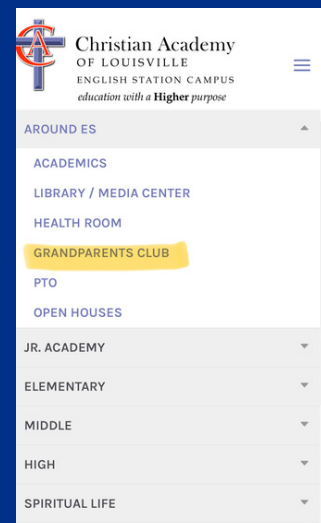
Talbott Behnken, High School Principal

GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

Grandparents Club
Facebook Group
[CLICK HERE](#)

Grandparents Club
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!
[CLICK HERE](#)





Grandparent opportunities for the 25/26 school year

The CAL 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.

Providence School:

- World Down Syndrome Day - 3/21/26
- WDSO T-Shirt distribution help
- WDSO lunch for teachers - Help serve the teachers lunch or bring goodies for them
- Lunch helpers needed! - 10:30 and 11:40 daily
- Prayer group to specifically pray for teachers and kids - Our Providence Director does a great job of getting weekly prayers from her staff and will email them out to the prayer team

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 - Stay tuned for a sign up
- 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 to walk kids from the lunchroom and back to class - 11:45, 12:10
- Prayer Wall help - Friday afternoon after school or Monday at 7:30 am

High School:

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

ALL

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