



## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *Grandparents Club*

Newsletter  
December 2025



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

***Next Meeting Date  
December 15 at 9 a.m.  
High School Media Center***

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 19 - Christmas Parties & Programs

### **ELEMENTARY**

- December 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Christmas Program
- December 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Christmas Program
- December 5 - PTO Movie Night, 6 pm
- December 9 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert
- December 12 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mountain Santa
- December 15 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- December 8 - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert
- December 9 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert
- December 11 - Choir Concert
- December 12 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair, 10 am
- December 15 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert
- December 19 - Connect Class Breakfasts

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- December 8 - Band Concert
- December 9 - Orchestra Concert
- December 11 - Choir Concert
- December 16-19 - Final Exams

### **ALL**

- December 22 - January 2 - No School

SAVE  
THE  
DATES



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
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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



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## 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, Hallie Daniel.

This summer, 17 CAL students and five faculty members traveled to Homer, Alaska, to serve and love the community in Jesus' name. For one of those students, Hallie, it was her third trip - she's gone every year since CAL began its partnership there.

Through her artistic gifts, Hallie has left creative, faith-filled marks across Alaska while growing bolder in sharing the Gospel each year. During a prayer walk this summer, she felt the Holy Spirit prompting her to speak with a woman she had never met before. Hallie obeyed and soon discovered that this woman was a fellow artist, a missionary and a follower of Jesus living in Homer. What Hallie didn't know until that moment was that the woman was living out the very calling God had already been stirring in her own heart - to return to Homer one day as a missionary artist.

The most incredible part? Hallie had never shared that inner struggle with anyone—only God knew. And in His perfect timing, He orchestrated a meeting that confirmed His direction for her life. That night, through tears and conviction, Hallie shared how this "divine appointment" affirmed her surrender to whatever the Lord has planned. She believes He is leading her back to Homer in a greater way. And yes, Hallie will be returning to Homer this summer for her senior year!

We praise God for how He continues to move in the hearts of our students. Stories like Hallie'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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YEAR END DONATION](#)

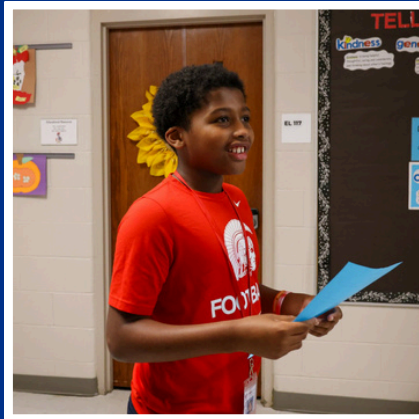
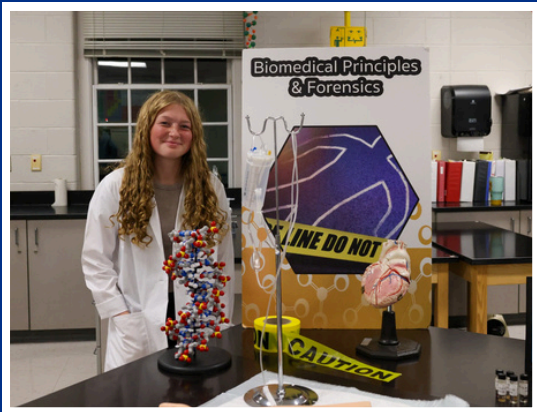




## All School Happenings... Open House

On November 6th, CAL hosted its fall Open House, and it was wonderful! The evening began in the auditorium with a brief welcome and an overview of our school's mission, followed by the principals sharing their "Top 5" highlights from their school. 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, and elective opportunities. Our student musicians performed throughout the building as our Culinary Arts students mingled through the crowd, sharing hot hors d'oeuvres. 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 "I Can" service dog, Bailey. God was kind and we welcomed 145 families, which represented 174 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

Junior Academy, Elementary and High School students all partnered together this month to support Operation Christmas Child, joyfully collecting gifts and filling shoeboxes for children around the world. Each item whether a toy, school supply, or personal care gift, was chosen with love, reminding our students of the impact a simple act of generosity can make. **Thanks to their efforts, our school community collected an incredible 1,032 boxes!** These gifts will soon reach children who may otherwise go without, allowing them to experience joy and hope this Christmas season. It was a beautiful display of compassion, service, and the heart of Christ in action at CAL.





## Junior Academy Happenings...

### Operation Christmas Child

The Junior Academy participated in Operation Christmas Child, too! Bringing in boxes stuffed with toys they picked out and prayed over. CAL JA is raising some God loving, service focused kids.







# Junior Academy Happenings...

## Thanksgiving Feasts

The Junior Academy celebrated Thanksgiving with sweet and lively classroom feasts, bringing students and teachers together for a time of gratitude and fun. Little ones enjoyed festive treats, shared what they're thankful for, and filled their classrooms with joy. It was a simple but meaningful reminder of God's blessings and the joy found in our school family.







## Elementary Happenings... Veteran's Chapel

Elementary students, families and staff gathered to honor the brave veterans within our school family during a special Veterans Chapel. With sincere gratitude, our students recognized the men and women who have served our country with courage and sacrifice. CAL's own veteran and security specialist, Rob Hough, shared a powerful message that highlighted the true meaning of service, faith, and dedication. The chapel concluded by covering our veterans in prayer, asking God to bless them, protect them, and surround their families with His peace. It was a meaningful time of reflection, appreciation, and Christ-centered gratitude for those who have given so much.







## Elementary Happenings...

### Performing Arts Club

CAL's Performing Arts Club brought the stage to life with their inspiring musical, *God Squad: No Ordinary Heroes*. The production shared a powerful story about the importance of putting on the armor of God to protect ourselves from Satan's lies and stand firm in our faith. With dynamic performances, meaningful music, and a message that resonated with everyone in the audience, the show reminded students and families alike of the courage, strength, and hope we find in Christ.





## Elementary Happenings...

### Elementary Book Fair

The CAL Elementary Book Fair was a tremendous success—1,921 books made their way into the hands of our students! This incredible accomplishment was made possible in part by the wonderful support of our Grandparent helpers, pictured below, whose time and enthusiasm created a warm and welcoming experience in the library all week long. A special shout-out goes to our amazing librarians, Morgan Neyhart and Mary Imlay, whose hard work and organization made the entire event possible. We are truly grateful to everyone who helped make this year's book fair an unforgettable celebration of reading.







## Middle School Happenings...

### Future Christian Athletes

When Cara Cresse walks into the room, everyone looks up! Not just because she's a 6'6" University of Louisville star volleyball player, but because she inspires student athletes to look up to Jesus. This month, Cara spent time encouraging middle school athletes and high school FCA leaders at CAL, sharing her faith journey and reminding them to keep Christ at the center of their lives. Cara even took time to snap a photo with every small group, pointing each student to look up to the Lord!







## Middle School Happenings...

### Peter Pan

Middle school students took audiences on a magical journey to Neverland in their production of Peter Pan. Peter dreams of being “the boy who wouldn’t grow up,” and his adventures inspire Wendy, John, and Michael Darling to step—or fly—out of their comfort zones. Together, they face the unknown dangers of Neverland, including the legendary Captain Hook, learning lessons of courage, friendship, and the magic of imagination along the way. Congrats to CALMS drama for such a wonderful production!







## High School Happenings...

### Jazz Band & Show Choir

The High School Jazz Band and Show Choir presented their fall concert. This event is consistently one of the most energetic and engaging performances of the year, and we are grateful to all who attended in support of our students.

The Jazz Band, under the direction of Band Director Cameron Taylor, performed a series of dynamic selections featuring solos by Luke Surbeck, Everett Franks, Jackson Canning, Noah Anderson, Caleb Stanton, Brandt Davis, Luke Riley, Jackson Meek, Max Combs, Zach Kvindis, Hunter Johnson, and Logan Clark.

The Show Choir, directed by Angela Stephens, performed three numbers from their competition show, Show Choir Mixtape, which they will showcase during their upcoming trip to New York City. Soloists included Avonlea Wharton and Ava Nunez. All choreography was created by members of the choir, with Choreography Captains Dorothy Cosper, Ava Nunez, and Maddie Malloy providing strong leadership throughout the process.

Students in both ensembles rehearse before school several times a week, dedicating significant time and effort to maintaining the high standard of these programs. If you were unable to attend this performance, we invite you to join us for their next concert on **Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.**

Angela Stephens, High School Choir Director







## High School Happenings...

### Culinary - Master Chef Program

Our Culinary students are having a blast with the new Mystery Chef program! Each month, a parent joins the class to share a recipe they're known for. So far, students have made homemade granola bars with Mrs. Peterson and fresh salsa with Mr. Lala, delicious creations that inspire their love for cooking. Meanwhile, in Home Economics, students are learning to use sewing machines, starting with paper to practice foot pedal control before moving on to fabric, building confidence and creativity stitch by stitch. Do you have a skill you could bring to the culinary team?



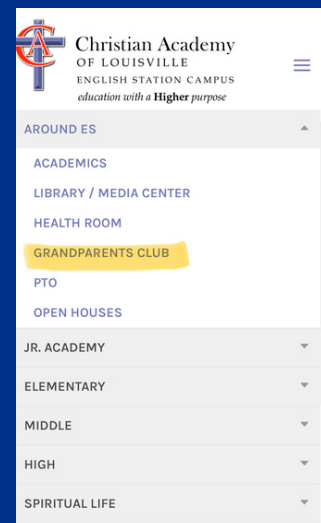


# GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

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!  
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## 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
- ALL Providence interest, email MCrawford@caschools.us

### 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. [APPLY HERE](#)
- 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 - Fall book fair is November 12-19 and Spring is March 19-26 - Email MNeyhart@caschools.us

### Elementary:

- Lunchroom visits/helpers - [SIGN UP HERE](#)
- 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
- 10 minute Bible Class Devotional Volunteer  
Email DGleitz@caschools.us

### High School:

- Greeters for concerts and programs
- ACT Tutoring
- FCA Doughnut help - [SIGN UP HERE](#)

### ALL

- Concert/Program Greeters
- Grandparents in prayer - Notes of Encouragement
- GRANDBAKERS - [SIGN UP HERE](#)
- Substitute Teaching - [APPLY HERE](#)