



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *Grandparents Club*

Newsletter
November 2025



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

*It's a packed house at Grandparents Club
meetings, but we can pack more.
Join us December 15 at 9 a.m.*



Dates to Know

JUNIOR ACADEMY

- November 21 - Thanksgiving Feasts

ELEMENTARY

- November 12-19 - Book Fair
- November 17 - PAC Performance
- November 18 - Operation Christmas Child Collection Day
- November 24 - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- November 13-15 - Peter Pan Musical
- November 18 - Jazz Band & Show Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- November 20 - Percussion Ensemble, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

- November 3 - Beta Club Induction, 7 p.m.
- November 18 - Jazz Band & Show Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- November 20 - Percussion Ensemble, 6:30 p.m.

ALL

- November 6 - Open House for prospective families
- November 7 - No School - Teacher PD Day
- November 26-28 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

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... Teacher Professional Development

All teachers and administrators kicked off their Monday after Fall Break at the Indiana campus for professional development, with nearly 300 in attendance!

Secondary and non-classroom elementary teachers participated in four Design Labs, each offering hands-on strategies to increase rigor in their content areas. Altogether, secondary teachers completed more than 670 learning sessions!

Elementary classroom teachers spent the morning learning about their new English Language Arts curriculum and the afternoon collaborating with grade-level teams to plan how to best serve all students.

Survey results from the day were glowing—showing lots of new learning and collaboration.

The best part? We get to do it all again on November 7 at our Kentucky campus! Please continue praying for our hardworking teachers—they're amazing, and this time to learn together is truly priceless (plus, they're well fed!).

Linda Rafla, Head of Academics





All School Happenings...

Kindness Walk, Providence School

We enjoyed a beautiful Saturday morning to give thanks for the joy and love shared during the DSL Kindness Walk! Friends, families, grandparents, and students came together in unity to celebrate the incredible gifts and talents that our friends with Down syndrome bring into the world. It was a beautiful reminder that every person is wonderfully made in God's image, each with a unique purpose and an irreplaceable role in His creation. As we walked side by side, we celebrated not only independence but the strength, faith, and community that reflect God's boundless love for all His children.

Mindy Crawford, Providence Director





All School Happenings...

Senior Carnival

Our annual Senior Carnival was a huge hit! Each year, the senior class hosts this fun-filled event for the entire school, complete with games, treats, and activities for all ages. Students enjoyed everything from face painting and inflatables to carnival games and prizes—all planned and run by our seniors. The best part? Every dollar raised helps support the senior class trip, making it a memorable way for our seniors to give back while creating lasting memories with younger students.





All School Happenings...



Christian Academy's Annual Fund is officially underway following the exciting announcement of our ALL IN Teacher Winners! The Annual Fund remains our school's top fundraising priority because tuition and fees alone do not cover the full cost of a Christian Academy education. Every contribution—large or small—makes an immediate difference for our students and teachers. Through the Annual Fund, we're able to enhance Technology Integration, strengthen Security Upgrades, expand Tuition Assistance, and provide meaningful Staff Benefits.

Why Give?

Your support of the Annual Fund helps sustain the daily work happening on each campus, enriches your grandchild's Christian Academy experience, and reflects your belief in the transformative work God is doing in the hearts and minds of our students. Your tax-deductible gift directly fuels the continued success and growth of our schools.

What Your Gifts Made Possible Last Year

- Replaced 90 Windows-based employee computers
- Completed Phase One of the upgraded access control system
- Reinforced and secured Door 28 with new access controls
- Enhanced our state-of-the-art security camera network
- Added an Engineering Pathway Milling Machine
- Purchased a used work truck for campus operations
- Provided tuition assistance to 359 students

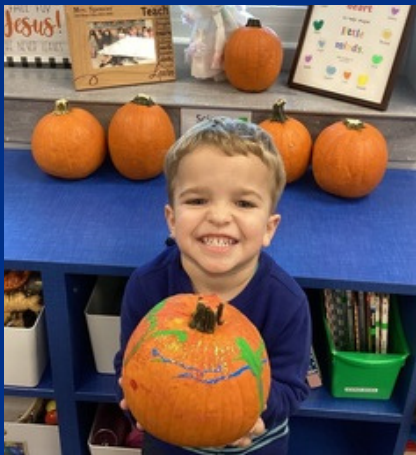
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Junior Academy Happenings...

Harvest Party

CAL Junior Academy celebrated the season with its Fall Harvest Party, a joyful event full of autumn-themed fun! Students enjoyed festive activities like pumpkin decorating, fun food, and games that brought the spirit of fall to life. The celebration was a wonderful way for our youngest learners to explore the season, enjoy time with friends, and create lasting memories.





Elementary Happenings...

Garden Club

Our Garden Club recently celebrated a wonderful time of harvest! Students proudly gathered tomatoes, sweet potatoes grown in our grow bags, and even collected seeds for future planting. One of the highlights was spotting a black swallowtail caterpillar in the garden! The Schachtner family also impressed everyone by harvesting a huge sweet potato from their home garden! It's been exciting to see our students learning, exploring, and enjoying the fruits of their hard work.



Elementary & Middle School Happenings...

Junior House Day

Ready, Set, HOUSE was packed with energy as our CALMS 8th grade house leaders welcomed the 4th and 5th grade students. The goal was to give our future middle schoolers a glimpse of life at CALMS and a real taste of the community, excitement, and fun that fill our halls every day. Upon entering the gym, 4th graders joined House Onraka, the house of unity, and 5th graders aligned with House Altruismo, the house of selflessness. Through house rally games and spirited activities, they experienced what being a part of CALMS House life is all about. We look forward to welcoming each of these students into the CALMS family in the years ahead and hope they left feeling excited for their middle school journey to begin.

Alexi Ahner, CALMS House System Leader, Spiritual Life Coordinator & MS Math teacher





Middle School Happenings...

Choir in Action

The CAL Middle School Choir, led by Mrs. Hughes, recently delighted audiences with a wonderful concert full of energy and heart. Students showcased their growing musical skills through a variety of songs, demonstrating both harmony and confidence on stage. Under Mrs. Hughes' guidance, each performer brought passion and joy to the performance, leaving the audience impressed and inspired.





High School Happenings...

Concert on the Lawn

Our talented students, guided by the expert direction of Mrs. Turner, assistant band teacher, Ms. Stephens, High School Choir teacher, Mr. Taylor, High School Band teacher and Mrs. MacDonald, music department head and high school orchestra teacher, dedicated countless hours of practice in preparation for this year's Concert on the Lawn. The evening was filled with a sense of community and celebration as families and friends gathered to enjoy the music under the open sky. Each ensemble—the band, orchestra, and chorale —performed with excellence, showcasing the students' musical growth and teamwork. It was a beautiful night that highlighted not only their hard work and talent but also the joy that comes from sharing music together





High School Happenings...

Lion, Which and the Wardrobe Drama Production

Christian Academy students recently brought the beloved story *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* to life on stage in a stunning theatrical production. From beautifully designed sets and costumes to powerful performances, the audience was transported to the magical land of Narnia, where themes of courage, friendship, and redemption shone brightly. Under the direction of our talented theater staff, students showcased their creativity and teamwork, delivering a performance that was both captivating and faith-filled, a true reflection of the heart and imagination nurtured at CAL.

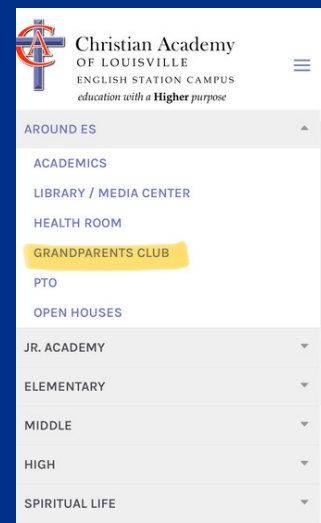


GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

Grandparents Club
Facebook Group
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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 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](#)