



## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *Grandparents Club*

Newsletter  
October 2025



Dear CAL Grandparents,

Welcome to another edition of the Grandparents Newsletter! We are so grateful for your continuous love and support; it means so much to our students and school community. Your prayers, encouragement, and involvement help make Christian Academy a truly special place. We also invite you to mark your calendars for our next Grandparents Club meeting, with all the details listed below. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to grow together in fellowship and service!

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Danielle Gleitz

***Next Grandparents Club Meeting***  
***Wednesday, October 29***  
***9 am***  
***Media Center***

## Dates to Know

### JUNIOR ACADEMY

- October 17 – Harvest Party

### ELEMENTARY

- October 4 – Kindness Warrior Walk
- October 21 – Skating Party @ Champs, 6:30 pm

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Chapel – Every Thursday, 9:50-10:15 am
- October 16 – Orchestra Concert, 6:30 pm
- October 21 – Chior Concert, 6:30 pm
- October 27 – Band Concert, 6:30 pm

### HIGH SCHOOL

- October 3 – Senior Carnival
- October 16 – Concert on the Lawn, 6 pm
- October 20 – Christian College Fair, 6 pm
- October 21 – PSAT, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders
- October 21 – Chior Concert, 6:30 pm
- October 27 – Band Concert, 6:30 pm

### ALL

- October 6-10 – Fall Break
- October 13 – Teacher in service, 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



all engaged.

Thank You,  
Mr. Taylor

Thank you  
Karin Bailey

THANKS  
Maggie  
Buckner

Thank you  
Melrose

Wonderful! Thank you,  
Michelle Knifrage

Thank you,  
Dawn





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## All School Happenings...



ARE YOU  
**ALL IN?**  
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Christian Academy's Annual Fund kicked off last week with the announcement of our ALL IN Teacher Winners. The Annual Fund is the highest priority for fundraising at Christian Academy. Tuition and fees simply do not cover the cost to educate our students. Every gift provides an immediate impact on students and teachers! The Annual Fund provides support for Technology Integration, Security Upgrades, Tuition Assistance and Staff Benefits.

### Why Give?

Christian Academy depends on Annual Fund support to operate each of our campuses, impact your grandchild's Christian Academy experience, demonstrate support for the work God is doing in the lives of students, and ensure success of the school through your tax-deductible financial gifts.

### Last Year Your Gifts Helped Provide

- Replaced 90 Windows-based Computers for Employees
- Upgraded/Expanded Access Control System (Phase One)
- Added Access Controls and Replaced/Hardened Door 28
- Improved Upon State-Of-the-Art Security Camera System
- Engineering Pathway Milling Machine
- Purchased Used Work Truck
- Tuition Assistance for 359 Students

**CLICK**  
**HERE TO**  
**MAKE A**  
**GIFT**



## All School Happenings...

# CAL ALL IN Teacher Winners



### **Shelly Hamman - English Station Elementary**

She consistently goes above and beyond for her students, showing unwavering dedication—especially in her work with Providence students. Her classroom is a place of compassion, high expectations and endless encouragement. Shelly Hamman is a true team player, working collaboratively with colleagues and support staff. She lifts the morale of those around her and builds strong, supportive relationships with both students and parents. Her love for teaching and her students is evident in everything she does.



### **Kaleigh Barlow - English Station Middle School**

Kaleigh radiates positivity, greeting each student with a warm smile and genuine care. Her classroom is a vibrant space where learning comes to life through thoughtful instruction and meaningful engagement that meets students where they are. She creates an environment where students feel loved, valued, supported and inspired to grow every day. Kaleigh takes the time to understand each student's individual needs and strengths, fostering both academic success and personal confidence. Her energy (and her smile) is contagious, and her passion for teaching is evident in every lesson she delivers. Beyond academics, she teaches kindness, resilience and the importance of community as we grow together in Christ - shaping not just students, but future leaders here at CALMS!



### **April MacDonald - English Station High School**

April is more than just a teacher. She is so loving, caring and helpful for her students and her colleagues. She always wants what's best for students while holding high standards. That's why her orchestra is always performing with such excellence. She is so diverse in her training and experience and that's why she can lead her department and contribute in leadership for all of high school. We are so thankful to have her!





## All School Happenings...



# MISSIONS WEEK

## KINGDOM BACKPACKS

**CAL English Station Campus**  
**September 29 - October 3, 2025**

Join us in partnering with Orphan Care Alliance to support foster and adoptive children in Louisville and Southern Indiana. Together, we'll meet their immediate needs and show them they are...

**KNOWN, SEEN, and LOVED by JESUS**

All collected items (requested by OCA) will be packed with encouraging notes and drawings from CAL students and given to foster and adoptive children.

<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>
Kindergarten - Baby Lotion	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Adult Shampoo	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Toothpaste
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Baby Powder	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Men's Body Wash	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Women's Deodorant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade - Kids Soap/Shampoo	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Women's Body Wash	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Men's Deodorant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - Kids Toothpaste		12 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Toothbrush
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Kids Toothbrush		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Kids Hairbrush/Comb		
<u>Elementary Drop Off Information</u>	<u>MS Drop Off Information</u>	<u>HS Drop Off Information</u>
Please drop off items in <b>student's classroom.</b>	Please drop off in the following locations...	Please drop off items in <b>Core Group</b> teacher's classroom.
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - <b>MS office</b>	
	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade <b>end of hallways</b>	

**KINGDOM BACKPACKS** - Carrying the name of Jesus into every place we go and with every action we take.

Can you help? Drop off items at the front office or send in with your student. I'm happy to collect at my office too!



## Junior Academy Happenings...

This year, our Junior Academy students are enjoying a brand-new playground designed with both fun and safety in mind. The updated space features exciting new equipment that encourages active play and exploration, along with a soft, squishy surface that provides added protection for little ones as they climb, slide, and run. The improved playground not only creates a safer environment but also offers more opportunities for students to learn, grow, and build friendships through play. We are thrilled to see our youngest Centurions making wonderful memories on this beautiful new addition to our campus!



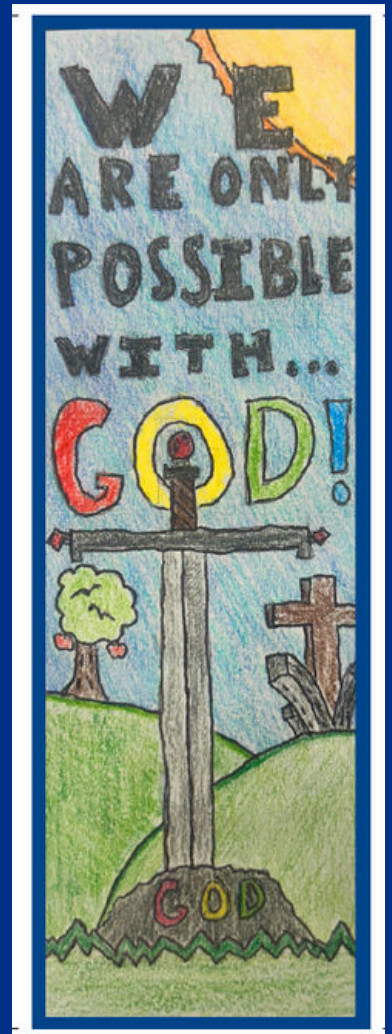




## Elementary Happenings...

# ALL IN Bookmark Winner!

As part of our ALL IN campaign, our elementary students take part in a special bookmark contest that has quickly become a favorite tradition. Each child is given the opportunity to design and illustrate a bookmark that answers the question, “Why do I love my school?” The creativity and heart that shine through these entries are always a joy to see, and the wide variety of designs makes it a fun but challenging task to select just one winner. This year’s winning bookmark was created by Xavier Altman, a fifth grader in Ms. Hudson’s class. Congratulations to Xavier for sharing such a thoughtful and creative design—we are so proud of you!







## Elementary Happenings...

# Annual Chuck & Duck Tournament

Our Elementary students had a blast at the Chuck and Duck Dodgeball Tournament! Laughter, teamwork, and plenty of energy filled the gym as students faced off in friendly competition. It was a fun way to build school spirit and create lasting memories together.







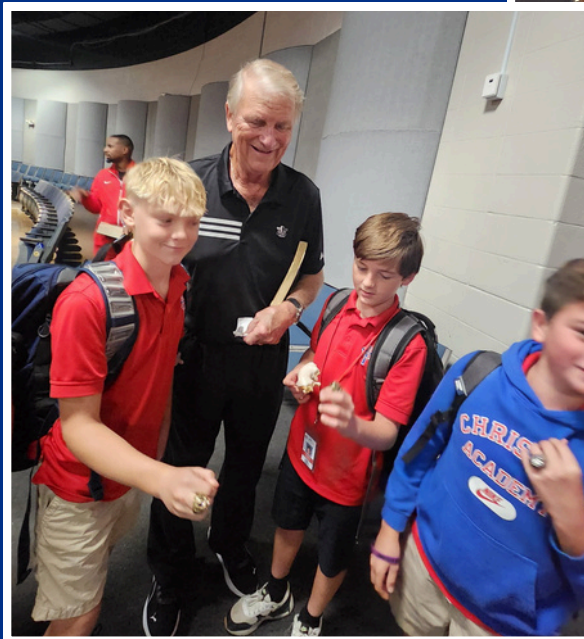
## Middle School Happenings...

### FCA at CALMS

We are excited to share a recap from our second FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) meeting of the year. We had a fantastic turnout and were blessed to welcome a very special guest speaker, Amos Martin. He is an All-American football star from U of L and a former 3-time Super Bowl NFL player for the Minnesota Vikings.

Amos shared a powerful message reminding us that nothing in this world compares to knowing and loving Jesus. One of the most impactful moments was when he said: "All my football highlights pale in comparison to the moment at a team chapel service in Oakland, CA, when I accepted Christ as my Savior and Lord."

His story was a powerful reminder to keep our focus on what truly matters. In addition, CAL high school students challenged our middle schoolers to make sure they have Jesus not just in their heads, but in their hearts.







## High School Happenings...

### Student of the Week

Every week CAL High School and principal, Mr. Behnken, award a Student of the Week. These students are nominated by the teachers and staff they interact with throughout CAL. Most of them have taken the time out of their day to look after a friend, help a teacher or help the school in some way. What an honor for each of them!

**Week  
One:  
Kinsley  
Cordrey**



**Week  
Two:  
Sam  
Furgerson**



**Week  
Three:  
Jenny  
Clerveau**



**Week  
Four:  
Micah  
Newsome**





## High School Happenings... Retreat Day

CAL High School recently held its first all-school retreat, a day filled with worship, fellowship, and community. Our Student Ambassadors, under the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Higdon, worked hard to plan and execute the retreats, and their classmates thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The goal of the retreat was to strengthen our school community while gathering as one body to worship God and dedicate the school year to Him. We are especially grateful to the Northeast Christian Church worship team for leading us in music and to Dr. Paul Akin (CAL graduate and parent) for sharing a powerful Gospel message that encouraged and challenged students and staff alike toward full devotion to Christ.







## High School Happenings... FCA Time Out

So thankful for Soccer Coach Popp's enCOURAGEmemt at CAL FCA TimeOut this morning! A standing room only media center full of student athletes left with a game plan for winning over temptation by God's truth and power!

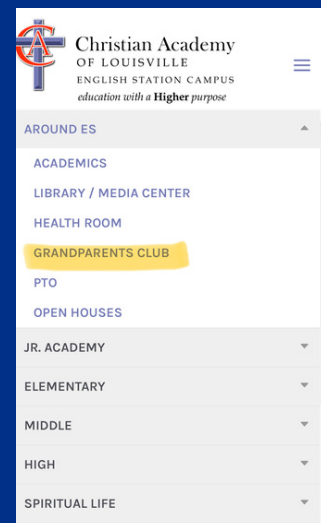


# GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

Grandparents Club  
Facebook Group  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Grandparents Club  
Webpage  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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 - Fall book fair is November 12-19 and Spring is March 19-26

### 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

### 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/staff