



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *Grandparents Club*

Newsletter
September 2025



Dear Grandparents,

Welcome to the second edition of our Grandparents Newsletter! The school year is already off to a wonderful start, filled with joyful classroom moments, meaningful chapel services, and special events that have brought our students and families together. We are so grateful for the role grandparents play in encouraging and supporting our community, you are truly a vital part of the Christian Academy family.

In this issue, you'll find campus highlights and upcoming opportunities to get connected, plus a closer look at our Admissions team. Their work goes far beyond processing applications. They walk alongside families as they prayerfully consider Christian Academy, hosting tours, answering questions, and sharing how faith is integrated in every classroom. You'll also discover meaningful ways to stay involved throughout the year, from attending events, to volunteering, to supporting our mission through prayer.

With heartfelt appreciation,
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Dates to Know

JUNIOR ACADEMY

- September 23 - Picture Day
- September 24 - Conference Day, No School

ELEMENTARY

- September 6 - Chuck & Duck Dodgeball Tournament, 6 pm
- September 24 - No School, Parent Teacher Conference Day

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- September 24 - No School, Parent Teacher Conference Day
- Chapel - Every Thursday, 9:50-10:15 am

HIGH SCHOOL

- September 11 - Parent Night, 6:30 pm
- September 12 - Senior Lunch
- September 20 - Homecoming Dance, 7:30 pm

ALL

- September 1 - No School, Labor Day
- September 2 - Remote Learning Day
- September 19 - Homecoming

Looking Ahead: October 6-10 - Fall Break

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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 School Happenings...

Thank you grandparents for your support of your grandchildren's enrollment at Christian Academy! I know at times you help them with their classwork, run them back and forth to school, attend their activities and most importantly pray for them. We are grateful for you!

My name is Lorrie Baechtel and I am honored to be in my 11th year as Director of Admissions for Christian Academy School System. Myself and my team, Darlene Kutzner and Christina Johnson, walk alongside our prospective families through the admissions process, Junior Academy through 12th grade. From the first point of contact with a prospective family, we excitedly share our school's desire to walk alongside them and their churches to help develop their child's heart for God and help them grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men (Luke 2:52). We also share that our distinctiveness is not only our mission, but also our commitment to strong, biblical worldview instruction, implemented from Junior Academy through 12th grade. As a covenant Christian school, we ask all our families to partner with us by being regular attenders, 3-4 times a month, in their Bible believing churches. As an admissions criteria and part of our admissions file, we gather information for each student about a current church reference. This is a critical part of our ongoing partnership with parents.

As an Admissions team in Kentucky, we have added more than 275 new students for the 2025-2026 school year thus far, with a few more coming! A few highlights from this school year for our team has been the return of our partnership with Global Vision Christian School in Korea. This year we welcomed 7 Korean students from GVCS to our Christian Academy family. They are attending for 7th grade only and are staying with some of our current families. Our homestay families are enjoying getting to know the students and learning more about Korea. We also have welcomed new families in the area for seminary including some from Canada and China. But our greatest joy comes when we hear how our new students are growing in their love for Christ and then going home to share what they are learning with their parents and hopefully grandparents! It truly is our deepest hope that our students will know they are loved by Christ, come to know Him as their Savior and then go out and tell others about Him.



From left to right: Christina, Darlene and Lorrie



All School Happenings... New Family Tailgate



Food, fun and a little FOOTBALL! Our Parent Ambassadors welcomed our newest Centurions into the family at the CAL New Family Tailgate prior to the first home football game. The Great Lawn was buzzing with activity! Jagers restaurant supplied every attendee with delicious chicken sandwiches, the PTO provided exciting yard games and face painting, the band marched through under the direction of our new Band Director Cameron Taylor and the cheerleaders showed everyone what Centurion spirit really looks like! Families with a student new to CAL were given free tickets to the football game where they were able to watch a Centurion victory! Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a success!

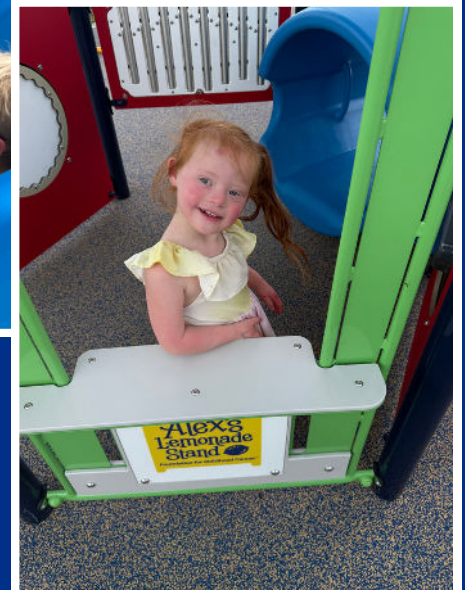




Junior Academy Happenings...

First Days of School!

The start of the school year in Junior Academy has been filled with joy, curiosity, and new beginnings! Our youngest learners are already diving into exciting classroom routines, making friends, and discovering the wonder of learning through play. Bright smiles and eager hearts have filled the rooms as students explore activities that nurture both their minds and spirits. Teachers are laying a strong foundation in faith and academics, helping each child feel known, loved, and ready for a year full of growth. It's been a wonderful start, and we can't wait to see all that God will do in the lives of our Junior Academy students this year!





Elementary Happenings...

First Day of School!



The first day of elementary school at CAL was filled with joy, excitement, and a few happy tears as students eagerly returned to campus or stepped into their classrooms for the very first time. Bright smiles, colorful backpacks, and warm welcomes from teachers and staff set the tone for a Christ-centered year of learning and growth. From morning greetings to classroom icebreakers, it was a day full of energy, prayer, and new beginnings. We are so thankful for the strong partnership with our families and look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!





Middle School Happenings... First Day of School!



The first day back at CALMS was filled with excitement and energy as students reunited with friends, met their new teachers, and explored fresh opportunities for the year ahead. Hallways buzzed with chatter and laughter, lockers clicked open, and classrooms came alive with the sounds of learning. From morning greetings to the final bell, it was a day of building connections, setting goals, and embracing the start of another Christ-centered year of growth and discovery.





Middle School Happenings...

FCA at CALMS

At CALMS FCA, students kicked off the gathering with a fun beach ball warm-up game before hearing from a panel of high school leaders who shared how they pursued God and His glory over the summer. Small group discussions, led by our high school FCA guys and girls, gave middle school students the chance to dive deeper into their faith journey together. JJ Washington, Kynsli Spencer, Ethan Fitzgibbon, and Mia Newman all spoke powerfully to encourage the group, while Gerard Neuner opened the time in prayer and Ella Quinn closed in prayer—reminding everyone that every part of FCA is about glorifying God!





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Middle School Happenings... House Reveal Day



CALMS House Reveal Day is always a highlight of the year! New middle school students eagerly discover which house they'll join, surrounded by cheers, excitement, and warm welcomes from their new housemates. It's the beginning of lasting friendships, healthy competition, and a community where students can grow, learn, and thrive together all throughout their middle school journey.

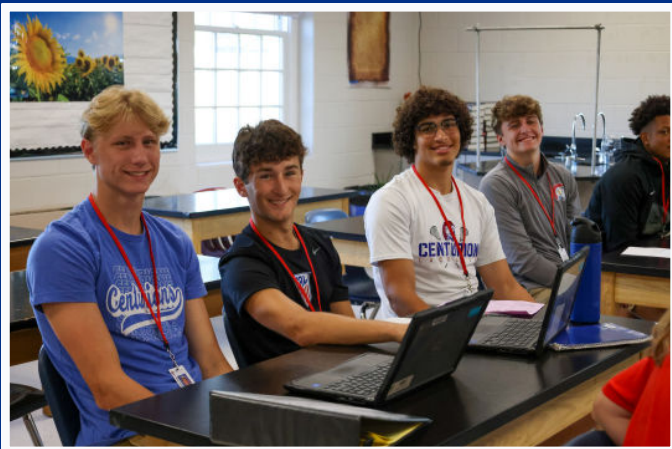




High School Happenings... First Day of School!



The first day back at CAL High School set the tone for an exciting year ahead, as students returned with fresh energy, ready to take on new challenges and opportunities. The campus was alive with handshakes, hugs, and laughter as classmates caught up after summer break. Teachers welcomed students into their classrooms, casting vision for the months ahead, while seniors embraced their leadership role and freshmen began their high school journey. It was a day of renewed friendships, new beginnings, and a shared commitment to glorifying God in every area of life.





High School Happenings... Bio-Medical Science Crime Scene



Students in the School of Biomedical Science kicked off the year with a hands-on, interactive learning experience by investigating a staged crime scene. They analyzed evidence, collected samples, and applied real-world forensic techniques to piece together the mystery. This engaging activity not only strengthened their critical thinking and problem-solving skills but also gave them a fun, memorable glimpse into the exciting world of biomedical science.



High School Happenings... FCA Time Out



Watch out! When 100+ Christian Academy of Louisville student-athletes huddle up to pray at their very first weekly FCA TimeOut of the year, something special is happening. After a summer planning meeting where student leaders gathered to prepare, pray, and set the tone for this season, the stage was set for God to move in a big way. These young men and women are committing their season, their teams, and their lives to the Lord, seeking His guidance and strength both on and off the field. With this kind of unity and passion, we can't help but believe God will show up powerfully throughout the school year transforming hearts, building leaders, and making an eternal impact through the platform of athletics!



High School Happenings... FCA Summer Leadership

Athletes are known for chasing GLORY for themselves. But as Christian athletes, FCA is all about chasing after God and reflecting all GLORY to Him! This summer a dozen of our CAL FCA leaders experienced God's GLORY at FCA Leadership Camp---alongside over 700 other athletes across the state. PLUS, the following CAL FCA leaders embraced opportunities to share God's GLORY with young athletes at CAL Summer Sports Camps.

FCA Leaders who spoke at CAL summer sports camps for kids:

Track - Kennedy Watkins and Gerhard Neuner
Volleyball - Mia Newman
Girls Basketball - Lydia Wallace & Abby Bassett
Girls Soccer - Ella Quinn & Lydia Wallace
Football - Chapman Russell
Boys Basketball - JJ Washington & Harrison Clark
Boys Lacrosse - Jax Anderson & Camden Carrothers

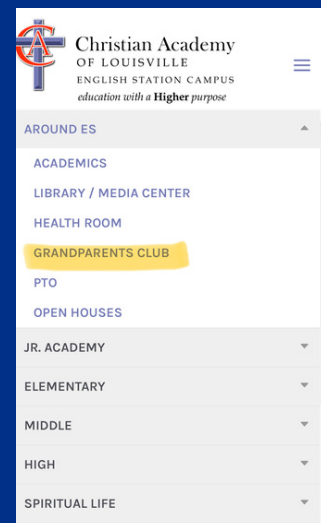


GRANDPARENTS STAY CONNECTED

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Request to join the
CAL Grandparents Facebook Group!
Below is what the group page looks like.



Tell us about your
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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 - 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/staff