



## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *Grandparents Club*

Newsletter  
February 2026



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

***Next Meeting Date  
February 18 at 9 a.m.  
High School Media Center***

Our next CAL Grandparents Club meeting will feature two special guests who play an important role in supporting our students and families.

We will hear from Lorrie Baechtel, Director of Admissions, as she shares insight into how the admissions process works and how new families find their place in our school community.

We will also hear from Rob Hough, Director of Security and Technology, who will discuss the measures we have in place to keep our students safe both inside and outside of our school.

We look forward to an informative and encouraging time together.

## Dates to Know

### JUNIOR ACADEMY

- February 2 – JA Conference Day, No School
- February 13 – Friendship Party

### ELEMENTARY

- February 13 – Class Valentine Parties
- February 25 – Kindergarten Cap and Gown portraits and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Portraits
- Join Elementary for chapel on Tuesdays
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:10 am and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 8:55 am

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- February 19 – FCA meeting, 7:45am
- Join Middle School for chapel on Thursdays at 9:50 am

### HIGH SCHOOL

- February 13 – Career Day

### ALL

- February 2 – Remote Learning Day
- February 9-13 – Unity Week
- February 16 – NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
- February 26 & 27 – NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Days

SAVE  
THE  
DATES



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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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## All School Happenings... FCA Diamond Dance



**Greater Louisville FCA has a BALL planned for YOU!**

*9th Annual*  
dads & daughters  
**Diamond Dance**

**Desserts & Dancing**  
**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
(School's out on Monday for President's Day)  
**Louisville Slugger Field**  
**3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm**

**Register NOW**  
**@ fcalou.org**



**\$70**  
for a dad and  
up to two  
daughters

**Highview** Baptist Church  
**Chick-fil-A** KENTUCKIANA  
**Thrive** SCHOOL OF DANCE  
**BrightStarCare** A MICHIE STANARD  
**Owen** FUNERAL HOMES  
**NORTHEAST** CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
**HIKES POINT** CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FCA is inviting CAL families to join us for the  
9th Annual Dads & Daughters Diamond Dance  
at Louisville Slugger Field  
on Sunday, February 15, 2026  
(Schools are out for President's Day on Monday, Feb 16th)

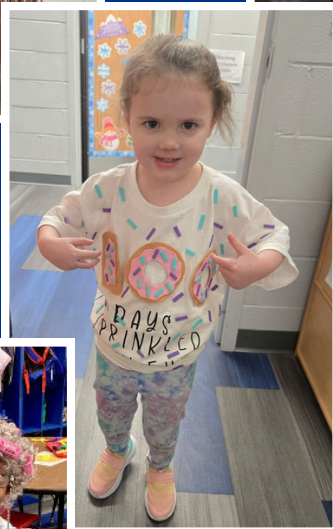
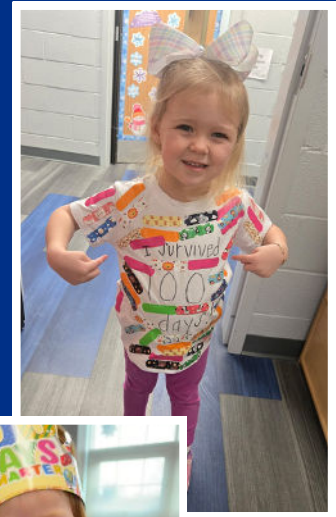
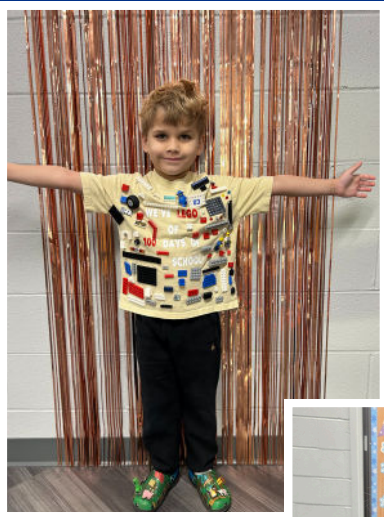
More than "just a dance," our two sessions (3-5 pm & 6:30-8:30 pm)  
are filled with team building activities to strengthen HOME TEAMS across our city---  
like photo scavenger hunts, heart to heart conversation starters, free professional portraits,  
meet & greet female college athletes from UL, Bellarmine, and Spalding Universities,  
close up magic with David Garrard (featured on Penn & Teller),  
PLUS lots of desserts and dancing--- Register [HERE](#)



# Junior Academy Happenings...

## 100th Day of School

CAL Junior Academy had so much fun celebrating the 100th day of school! Our students were excited to count, create, and show off their creative attire. It was a happy day full of smiles, learning, and celebrating how much our students have grown already this year.

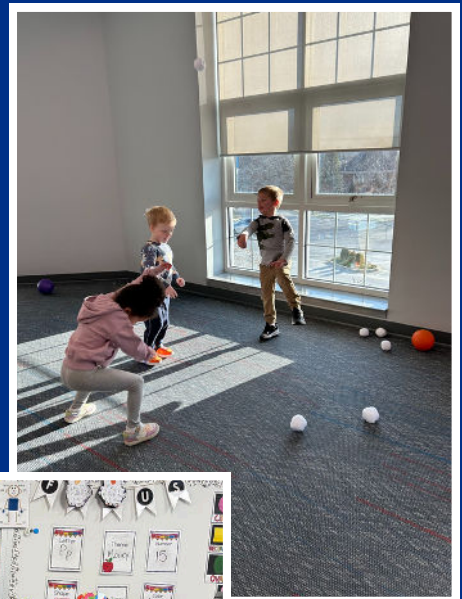






# Junior Academy Happenings...

## 100th Day of School & Indoor Snowball Fight!



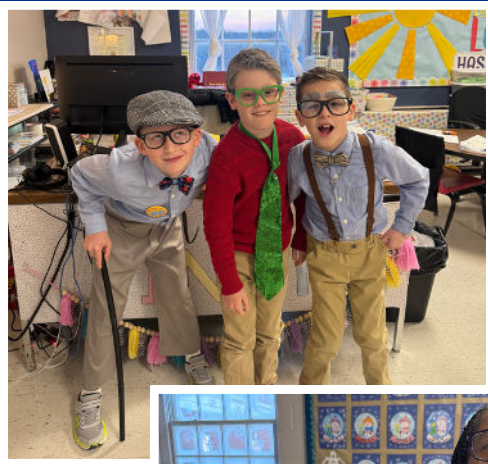




## Elementary Happenings...

### 100th Day of School

CAL Elementary School had a blast celebrating the 100th day of school! Students dressed up in the most creative and fun outfits to show off their 100-day style, making the hallways extra festive. It was a special day full of excitement, smiles, and pride in how much our students have grown this year.





## Elementary Happenings...

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade BizTown

Our 5th grade BizTown field trip gives students the exciting opportunity to step into the role of working professionals for the day. As they run a simulated town, students apply real-world math, teamwork, and decision-making skills while managing jobs, earning paychecks, and contributing as citizens in a functioning community. It's a hands-on experience that brings classroom learning to life and builds confidence for the future. SO FUN!!







## Middle School Happenings...

### Meet & Greet Event

It's never too early to start dreaming about your future! Our middle school students got an exciting sneak peek at everything CAL High School has to offer. They connected with varsity coaches and players, explored the many opportunities waiting for them, and learned more about our High School Schools of Distinction, including biomedical science, arts, and engineering. Add in fresh popcorn from the concession stand, event hoodies, and plenty of friendly faces to chat with, and it's safe to say our middle schoolers left excited and ready to take their next big step into high school!



Middle School student, Josh Neher won BIG at the event taking home lots of CAL swag!







## High School Happenings... Meet & Greet Event

We want YOU! That was the message loud and clear as our high school principal, athletic director, coaches, teachers, and students welcomed middle school families for a high-energy preview night of everything CAL High School has to offer. From hearing firsthand experiences in the classroom, working on disease prevention, locking down defense on the soccer team, or soaking up the excitement of campus life, there was something for everyone.

The gym was buzzing with great conversations, tasty concessions, and a fabulous photo booth, making it a night full of smiles, inspiration, and a glimpse into an exciting high school journey ahead!

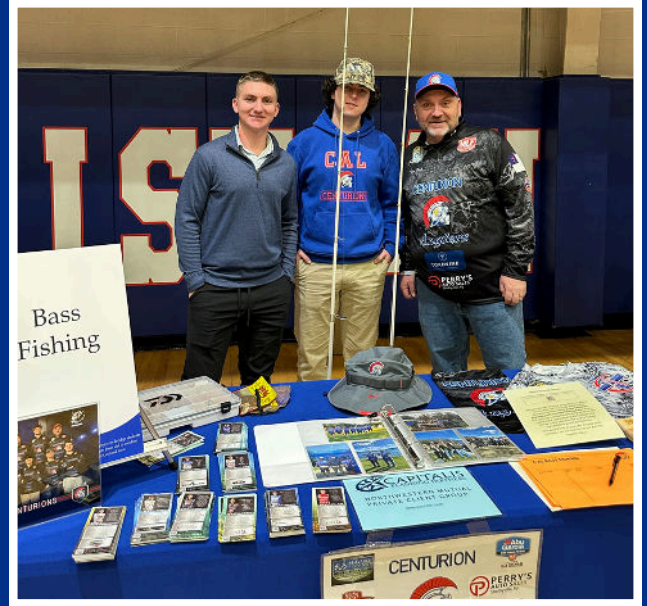






## High School Happenings... Meet & Greet Event, Continued

Students, coaches and teachers from Visual Arts, Bass Fishing Team and the School of Engineering showcased and spoke about the heart, fun and biblical immersion of their school program.







## High School Happenings...

# School of the Arts Senior Recital

Each year, the seniors in our School of the Arts present a Senior Recital to celebrate their hard work and dedication to their performance craft. In addition to participating in some of our top ensembles, each of these students has taken private lessons on their instrument for at least the past three and a half years, and many will continue their studies at the collegiate level.

Singers perform selections in a variety of languages with an accompanist, while instrumentalists present solo works drawn from important repertoire. Please help us congratulate the seniors in our School of the Arts – Music Track program on their outstanding performances and accomplishments!

### Seniors Recognized:

Kaylin Peck, viola  
Eli Nelson, Voice  
Addison Page, Percussion  
Natalie Thomas, Voice  
Natalia Gutierrez, Violin  
Madie Edelen, Voice  
Maeleigh Randolph, Violin  
Ava Nunez, Voice







## High School Happenings... Senior Art Song Competition

Each year, CAL hosts an Art Song Competition for our singers. Students perform memorized selections with an accompanist for an outside adjudicator. Repertoire is performed in a variety of languages, including Italian, French, German, and English. Many students spend an entire semester refining these pieces and developing their classical vocal technique. While many work with private voice teachers, others prepare independently for this challenging performance experience.

This year, we had seventeen students participate. I would like to congratulate all of them, as well as recognize our runner-up, Naomi Zumbrunnen, and our 2026 winner, Ava Nunez. If you see these students, please help us congratulate them on their hard work and accomplishments. Ava will perform her winning piece at our March Choir Concert.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and the arts.

Angela Stephens, High School Choir Director



2026 winner, Ava Nunez



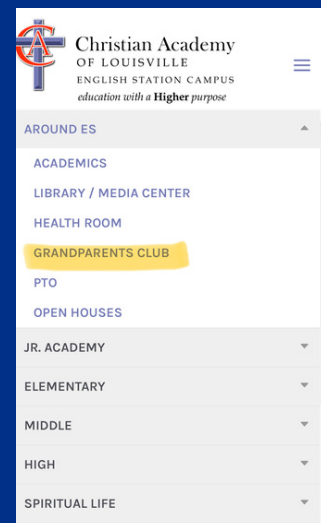
runner-up, Naomi Zumbrunnen

# 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
- 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 -
- Spring Book Fair March 19-26
- Email MNEYhart@caschools.us to help

### 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](#)