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CAL HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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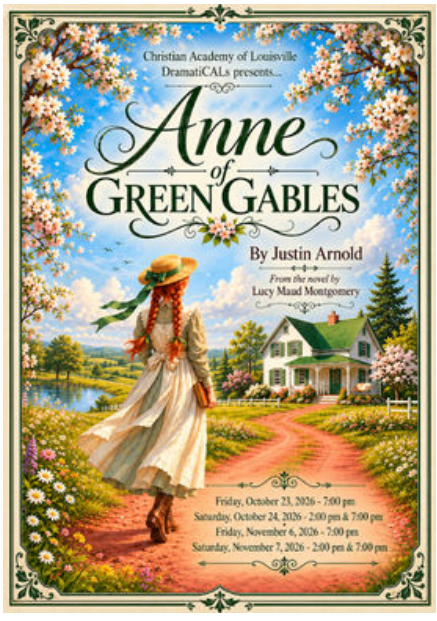
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CLICK HERE FOR THE VIDEO!

RESOURCES & UPCOMING

TECHNOLOGY FAQS

CANVAS logon & tips



Buy your ticket to the HS play now by clicking here!

From Mr. Behnken...

The first semester of this school year has flown by, and we are quickly approaching the finish line! If the semester is compared to the mile race in track, students are now in the bell lap. If you've ever watched Olympic track and field competitions, you know that the final lap is full of intensity and all out effort by all the athletes. There are those who finish strong and those who, sadly, hit their physical wall and fade. But, always, there is intense action til the finish.

So as your students are making their way on this final lap–some of them for the first time as high schoolers–encourage them to stay the course and to finish with great effort. Being in high schools for as long as I have, I have seen some slack off during this time. It usually isn't an intentional decision to do that as much as a lack of care for the details and choosing ease over needed tasks. I have had many conversations with students explaining that doing this actually invalidates nearly all of their previous effort they have placed into the course.

There are others instances where students become very serious about their classes out of the fear of parent discipline and try to kick things into gear to get above the line of whatever grade is not acceptable at home. While there is a benefit to learning how to do this in the future career (think an extreme version of prioritization of the immediate), living in a way of constantly reacting and putting out fires can be exhausting. But there is still value to this student striving with great effort–seeking to improve their current position.

These are two extreme examples–and your students probably lie somewhere between these. Wherever that is, encourage them to do their best (as unto the Lord, Colossians 3:17) and to finish strong. There is much to learn during the remainder of the semester and much to experience as students learn how to finish strong. Here is hoping that we can all work together to help them learn how to do this independently.

Have a great week

FAMILY CALENDAR

You can always access the High school calendar online HERE.

Major Dates

All Dates Subject to Change

11/5 - Operation Christmas Child Contributions due
11/5 - Open House
11/6, 11/7 - HS Play
11/25 - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Break
12/16 - Final Exams (Periods 1, 4 and 7)
12/17 - Final Exams (Periods 2 and 5)
12/18 - Final Exams (Periods 3 and 6)
12/21 - 01/01 - Christmas Break
01/4 - No School
01/05 - Begin Second Semester

Operation Christmas Child: Sharing the Love of Christ Around the World!

Our CAL students are hard at work preparing for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), an incredible opportunity to share Christ's love and the hope of the Gospel with children worldwide! Through their Core Groups, students have committed to serving by bringing in shoebox items, making monetary donations, or writing personal notes and praying over the boxes before they begin their journey. Please turn in all donated items and monetary contributions by Thursday, November 5, if possible. If your family needs a little extra time, please make every effort to have contributions turned in as soon as possible next week. We encourage families to talk with their students about the commitment they've made and the greater purpose behind it. These shoeboxes are so much more than gifts - they are opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with children and communities who may otherwise never hear it. Please join us in praying over this mission, the children who will receive these boxes, and the impact God can make through the generosity and faithfulness of our CAL community!