## Fall 2024 - August & September

# CALMS NEWSLETTER

Welcome home and welcome back CALMS family!

We are looking forward to continuing to bring together our CALMS community each day.

Please take a few minutes to review our newsletter. Our newsletter contains helpful information, including important dates, Chapel News, and House Announcements. We believe a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you pray for our families, students, and staff as we work together to grow in Christ this school year.

## STUDENT Chromebook's have been issued!

Middle School Students were officially issued their chromebooks on Monday August 12th. Please make sure to speak with your student concerning the responsibilities that come with this device. Any damage which may include, but is not limited to screen damage, keyboard damage, case damage, or removal of name/bar code will be the responsibility of each family. The insurance deductible for repair costs is \$70.00.

Technology accepts the following forms of payment: Apple pay, credit cards and checks made to CAL.

### **Important Dates**

\*All Dates Subject to Change\*

- -8/27 Parent Night, 6-8 p.m.
- -9/2 Labor Day Holiday/No School
- -9/3 Remote Learning Day
- -9/18 MS Conference Day/No School for students
- -9/25 Picture Retake Day
- -9/27 Senior Carnival
- -10/4 End of Quarter 1
- -10/7 10/11 Fall Break
- -10/14 Quarter 2 Begins

# Chapel & House Information for August & September

In Quarter 1, we are introducing our yearlong topic of

Community: We Are One In Christ

Date	Chapel Topic	House
8/22	What is Community?	House Time
8/29	What are the Benefits of a Godly Community?	House Competition - Mega Kahoot
9/5	Carrying One Another's Burdens	House Time
9/12	Teamwork	House Competition - Kickball Tournament
9/19	Biblical Unity	House Time
9/26	Teacher Panel: How to Find Good Community	House Time - Chapel Chat

### **CALMS House News**

CALMS says "Welcome Home" to our students for the 24-25 school year. Our houses are an exciting way to celebrate our students while creating a positive school climate. Our students are recognized for their efforts through a process that builds character, empowers academic excellence, fosters school spirit, enhances relationships, and promotes a culture of belonging for all.

### Ask your child about their house!

- → COURAGEOUS Fortem
- → APPRECIATIVE Zahvalan
- → LOVING Dashuri
- → MINDFUL Mahara
- → SERVANTS Servitas
- → DREAMER Reveur

# September 3rd is our first REMOTE Learning Day

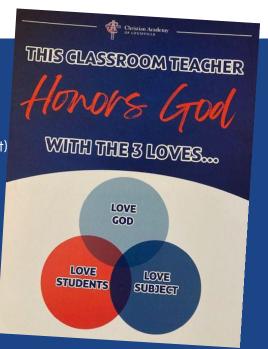
On this day, students will be working from home on class assignments/projects, while our staff works together throughout the day on professional development. Our goals are to seek ways to sharpen our strategies and activities to meet the needs of our students based on our MAP Assessment results.

# CALMS Honors God with...

At CALMS, we are striving to **Honor God** through the 3 Loves (Love of God, Love of Students, and Love of Subject)

Our goal is to identify ways that we can **Honor God** within our school. This may be through instructional planning, an art project, music presented at an evening concert, on a sports field or court, and through the daily conversations with staff, students, and families.

Additionally we seek to **Honor God** through biblical integration within our classrooms - Seeking ways to make connections to Christ in everything we do.



### **Counselors Corner**

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Pierce to the CALMS Counseling staff. Mrs. Pierce can assist you with administrative tasks, such as class schedules, records requests, educational testing, academic counseling, and MAP scores. Mrs. Pierce is also teaching our Introduction to Missions class and coaches HS Cross Country. Mrs. Patrick is available to meet with students and parents regarding any social and emotional concerns.

It is hard to believe that we are already in the third week of school. Students are settled in and are making a great transition back to school. Our first round of fall MAP testing concluded on August 27. You will receive an email by mid September from Mrs. Pierce with your child's scores. MAP scores are used as a benchmark for class placement and scheduling. For the remainder of the month, Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Pierce will spend time introducing themselves and getting to know the students.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Pierce will meet with students in their Bible classes to discuss Mental Health and Wellness. Students will be given resources and tools on how to deal with stress, anxiety, and sadness. The most important takeaway from these conversations is to always talk to a trusted adult. If your child has been impacted by suicide, please reach out to either of us. We want to be sensitive to any student who may have a difficult time during these presentations.

#### Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns:

Mrs. Patrick ( <u>mpatrick@caschools.us</u> ) and Mrs. Pierce ( <u>dochenkowski@caschools</u> ).

### FROM THE ENGLISH STATION PTO:

#### **CALMS Student Tailgate - FRIDAY August 30th**

Students are invited to a special MS only tailgate at 6:00pm at the **Blue Gym Circle** before the High School Football game. Come hang out with your friends, play yard games, win door prizes & more! \$5 optional food & drink combo available for purchase. (Fee for game entry is not included)



### Don't Forget to purchase your 2024-2025 Coupon Books!

**Enjoy \$60** in **Kroger** Coupons for only \$20, plus so many other great local restaurants & activities! **All non-purchased books must be returned by September 29th.** 

Enroll in Kroger Rewards Today! Help earn money for our school by shopping for your groceries! It's easy! One time enrollment: **ENROLL HERE** 



## CALMS Reminders...

- Students are to follow dress code on a daily basis If not in dress code each family must address the need so that the student may return to class.
- When attending extra curricular events it is expected that parents accompany and supervise their middle school student at all times.
- Students are encouraged daily to put their <u>Student ID in their locker at the end of the day.</u>
- The quickest way to reach the middle school receptionist is by emailing at <a href="mailto:msreception@caschools.us">msreception@caschools.us</a>
- Many questions you have or resources you may need for middle school can be found <u>HERE</u>
- The start time for middle school is 8:10 a.m. (warning bell rings at 8:05 a.m.).
- Early Dismissals: If a student is to be picked up early from school this must be before 2:30 p.m. or you will need to pick up your student in the carpool line. We also ask that you notify the middle school office by 1:00 pm.