



# CALMS NEWSLETTER

Welcome home 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 issued their chromebooks on Monday August 14th. 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, or case damage 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\**

- 8/23 MS Picture Day
- 9/4 Labor Day/No School
- 9/5 Remote Learning Day
- 9/13 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Payment Due
- 9/20 MS Conference Day
- 9/22 Senior Carnival
- 9/27 Picture Re-Take Day
- 9/29 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/2-10/6 - Fall Break

### Chapel & House Information for August & September

In **Quarter 1**, we are introducing our yearlong topic of

**GRACE & Truth**

Date	Chapel Topic	House
8/24	Uncompromising Grace	First House Time
8/31	Absolute Truth	House Competition
9/7	The Gospel	House Competition
9/14	Teacher Panel	House Chapel Debrief
9/21	Sanctification & the Holy Spirit	House Competition

### CALMS House News

CALMS says **“Welcome Home”** to our students for the 23-24 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 5th is our first REMOTE Learning Day***

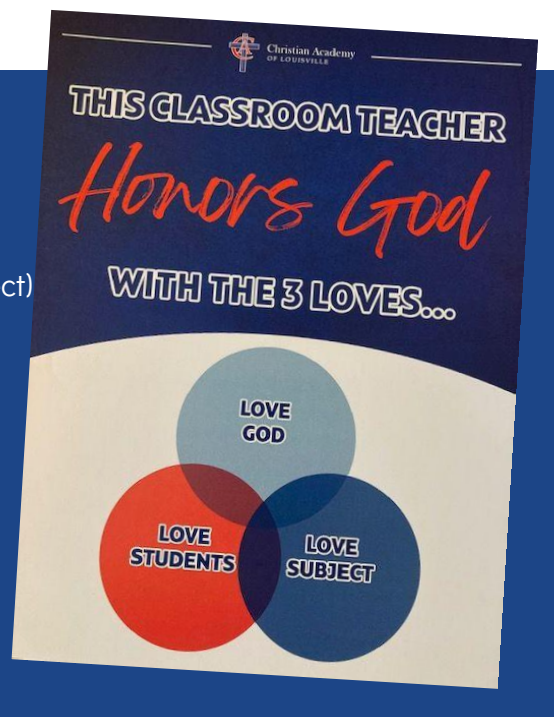
On this day, students will be working from home on class assignments/projects, while our staff works together throughout the day on professional development. Our goals are to seek ways to sharpen our strategies and activities to meet the needs of our students based on our MAP Assessment results.

# 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

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 - thanks to everyone for their support.

**MAP testing** has started and will continue through **Friday, September 1, 2023**. You will receive an email by mid September from Mrs. Patrick with your child's scores. Scores are used for instructional purposes and scheduling.

For the remainder of the month, both counselors will spend time introducing themselves and getting to know the students.

### September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Both counselors 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 the counselors. We want to be sensitive to any student who may have a difficult time during these presentations.

*If you have questions or need assistance, Mrs. Patrick ([mpatrick@caschools.us](mailto:mpatrick@caschools.us)) is the 6th grade Counselor and handles administrative and scheduling issues for all MS students.*

*Mr. Barnett ([tbarnett@caschools.us](mailto:tbarnett@caschools.us)) is the 7th and 8th grade Counselor, Spiritual Life Coordinator, and House Chair.*

### ***FROM THE ENGLISH STATION PTO:***

**Don't Forget to purchase your 2023-2024 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: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>**

## 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 Student ID in their locker at the end of the day.
- The quickest way to reach the middle school receptionist is by emailing at [msreception@caschools.us](mailto:msreception@caschools.us)
- Many questions you have or resources you may need for middle school can be found [HERE](#)
- 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.