



# CALMS NEWSLETTER

Welcome home CALMS family!

As we move forward into our third quarter, we want to bring together our CALMS community with news and updates.

Please take a few minutes to review our February - March newsletter.

This editions contains helpful information, including important dates, Student Led Conference information, Chapel News and related announcements. Partnering with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

As we progress into 2025, we ask that you pray for our families, students, and staff as we work together to grow in Christ throughout the last two quarters of the school year.

## Important Dates *\*All Dates Subject to Change\**

- 2/7/25 - Q3 Progress Report Grades in Canvas
- 2/13 & 2/14/25 - Teacher Professional Days/No School for Students
- 2/17/25 - Presidents' Day/No School for Students
- 3/7/25 - 8th Gr. Adv. Art Field Trip to Art Museum 8:20 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
- 3/10/25 - 8th Grade/HS Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium
- 3/11/25 - 6th/7th Band/Orchestra Concert, 6:30 pm., Auditorium
- 3/14/25 - Quarter 3 Ends
- 3/17/25 - Quarter 4 Begins
- 3/19/25 - Student Led Conference Day**
- 3/21/25 - World Down Syndrome Day
- 3/24/25 - Q3 Report Cards mailed to families
- 3/28/25 - Meal Packing Day**
- 3/31 - 4/4/25 - Spring Break!

## Chapel & House Information

In **Quarter 3**, we are continuing our quarter focus about **Challenges to Community**.

Date	Chapel Topic	House
2/6	Unity Chapel (CAI Speaker)	Individual House Time
2/20	Navigating Tough Times	Families - Chapel Chat
2/27	Social Media and Screen Time Panel	Individual House Time
3/6	Politics	House Promotion Rally
3/13	Apathy	Volleyball Tournament
3/20	Who Owns Your Future?	Volleyball Tournament
3/27	Meal Packing Promo Chapel	No House activity

## Student Led Conferences

As discussed at our Back to School parent meeting, making school matter has always been a goal for our teachers - **Teaching students to OWN their OWN Learning is a process that begins here at CALMS.**

As many of you already know, our upcoming Student Led Conference is different from the standard parent teacher conference. Through your student's Connect teacher, you will sign up for a spot, in which your student will present, in the next few weeks.

It is expected that each student will be present on conference day. **Please remember this day has been established by CAL, as your child's day to share and lead.**

**Wednesday March 19, 2025** you will bring your student to CALMS with you (they do NOT have school that day) and your student will lead you through their conference. Your student is preparing to speak with you about 3 areas of school - they may do this in a variety of ways through their digital backpack.

### ARRIVAL on Conference Day

1. Please enter through the front entrance.
2. Get checked in by a staff member.
3. Make your way back to CALMS for your Student Led Conference. **(Continued on pg 2)**

**Ask your child about their house!**

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

### Order your YEARBOOK now!

As students become more engaged with the CALMS family, take the opportunity to capture these moments in our CALMS Yearbook. \$55.00.



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## CALMS Meal Pack NEWS!

CALMS - Meeting the spiritual and physical needs for the people of Honduras.

**DONATE before March 1st, 2025 - CLICK HERE**



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## Sharing what we've learned with others

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Students have had 11 working Power hours on Tuesdays in school to work on their digital backpacks with their Connect teacher - We've asked each to practice as they build to ensure clarity throughout.

Since this project is in CANVAS - Students can actually work on their digital backpacks any time they have access to a computer.

**Student Led Conferences** are a time for you and your student to share together what learning looks like to them. Ask your student questions - Be encouraging when you see growth - Challenge them if their presentation isn't quite as polished as you hoped - This is an opportunity for your student to shine!

The Connect teacher will only be there to: Welcome you - Make sure the student is able to get to their backpack - And also to keep track of the time - This is truly a time for your child to share their learning with you.

All teachers will be conducting similar conferences, so there will NOT be time for you to speak with specific teacher about your student - You should always email any teacher if there is something you wish to discuss with them specifically about your child.

**Please remember that this day has been established as a part of our school calendar, so please plan accordingly.**



## Counselors Corner

It is almost time to select classes for the 2025-2026 school year. For our current 8th grade students, the process is much different than what you have experienced in middle school. The online registration for 8th grade students is February 27 - March 10. You will need your parent web login and password before these dates. If there is a problem with your log-on or password, please contact [support@caschools.us](mailto:support@caschools.us). You can make changes during this timeframe, however after March 10, you will need to contact the high school office. The course description catalog and directions on how to schedule classes will be emailed at a later date.

The high school counselors are scheduled to meet with 8th grade students during their Bible classes to discuss course options and scheduling procedures on February 11 and 12. Parents have the opportunity to attend a meeting with the high school counselors to learn more about the scheduling process and the diploma programs offered at CAL. These meetings will take place on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Christian Academy Auditorium.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Tara Clark at 753-4586 or [tclark@caschools.us](mailto:tclark@caschools.us).

Parents of the current 6th and 7th grade students will receive an email the week of March 3 with information on selecting exploratory classes for next year. The form will be due the following week. The email will provide a description of the classes, as well as a form to indicate which classes your child most prefers. Students have a greater chance of getting their top preferences the earlier they submit the form.

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

Mrs. Patrick ( [mpatrick@caschools.us](mailto:mpatrick@caschools.us) ) and Mrs. Pierce ( [dochenkowski@caschools.us](mailto:dochenkowski@caschools.us) ).

### FROM THE ENGLISH STATION

#### PTO:

Don't Forget - Our 2024-2025 Coupon Books Fundraiser has wrapped up! Enjoy \$60 in Kroger Coupons for only \$20, plus so many other great local restaurants & activities!

All non-purchased books should be returned. Please be sure to Return any UNSOLD books. This includes books received at Back To School or that may be hiding in your students lockers.

ALSO - Enroll in Kroger Rewards Today! Help earn money for our school by shopping for your groceries! It's easy! One time

Enrollment: [Reminders...](#)

Want Something to Remember?

Buy an 8th Grade Ad To Be Featured In Our Yearbook!

1. Scan The QR Code or visit [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
2. Submit a picture of your 8th grader as a baby or toddler.
3. Submit a note to your 8th grader that you would like to be in the yearbook.
4. Pay your ad space fees and buy a yearbook at the early bird discount!

Student's Name  
Message of your choice  
Who it's from

- 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.