

Winter 2025/2026  
December & January




CALMS  
NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 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.

Important Dates

\*All Dates Subject to Change\*

- 12/8 - SIT Meeting in the Media Center - 4:00 pm
- 12/8 - 7th & 8th Grade & High School Bands Concert - 6:30 pm
- 12/9 - 6th & 5th Grade Orchestra Concert - 6:00 pm
- 12/12 - 7th Grade Science Fair - 11:00 am - 11:45 am Trophy Hall
- 12/15 - Grandparents Meeting 9:00 am - Media Center
- 12/15 - 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert 6:30 pm
- 12/18 - Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting 7:30 am -Auditorium
- 12/19 - End of Quarter 2/1st Semester
- 12/19 - Connect Class Breakfasts 
- 12/22 - 1/4/2025 - Christmas Break
- 1/5 - No School for students - Teacher Professional Development
- 1/6 - Begin Quarter 3/2nd Semester
- 1/14 - High School “Connect with us” event (see page 2)
- 1/29 - PTO Luncheon - Blessing for MS teachers and staff

Chapel & House Info for Dec./Jan.

In Quarter 3, we are beginning our semester’s topic of *Everyday Worship*.

Date	Chapel Topic	House
12/4	Going Through Tough Times Part 2	Dodgeball Tournament
12/11	The True Meaning of Christmas	Dodgeball Tournament
12/18	Band/Orchestra Concert	Dodgeball Tournament
1/8	What is worship?	Independent House time- House Family Time

CALMS Inclement Weather Information

CASS closing procedures can be found at [School Closing Procedures | Christian Academy School System](#). Note that CASS does not follow JCPS for closings and delays. Families, faculty, and staff will receive information via our Emergency Alert System.

CALMS Specific information & schedules  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Connect Christmas Breakfast

Our annual Connect Breakfast will be on the last day of school before the Christmas break on Friday, December 19th from 8:10 am - 8:55 am. Please contact your Connect Class parent if you would like to contribute items for the breakfast. Please send in any breakfast items with your student if possible.

**The school cannot accept DoorDash deliveries.**

This celebration is a great way for students and staff to celebrate Christmas and the completion of the first semester. *Following breakfast, the students will enjoy a Christmas program in the auditorium and participate in our annual Reindeer Rally.*

**If you wish for your child to leave early, please CLICK HERE.**


**Students will exit out the trophy hallway to the BLUE CARPOOL CIRCLE.**


Early Dismissal Requests **MUST BE** completed by Wednesday, 12/17/25 at 4:00 p.m.

**Ask your child about their house!**


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

**BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!**





8th Grade Recognition



**CHECK OUT THE 8TH GRADE PACKAGE OPTION!**

# CALMS *Honors God* with...

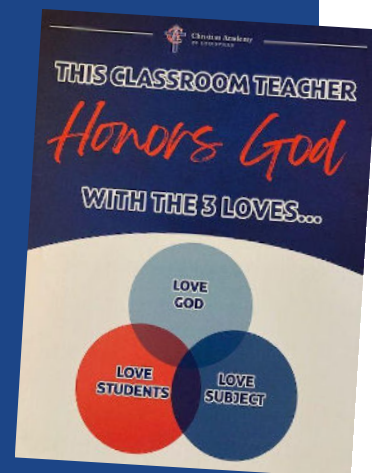
## Giving to others

We pursue putting others needs first at CALMS, by giving, to honor God.

Throughout the month of November, students were encouraged to give food items to support those in our community that are in need.

Students brought in a variety of food items to serve others, while also earning points, making this a CALMS House competition. Bins were placed in two CALMS hallways, providing collection sites for each House. Teachers also got into the spirit of giving, by bringing food items in to help fill the need.

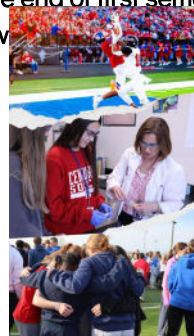
We pursue giving at CALMS in a variety of ways. Throughout this can food drive, students and teachers collected food items to help feed the hungry families in our community. In future months at CALMS we will again give to others through our Meal Packing program which will begin in January.



## Counselor's Corner

It's hard to believe we are almost half way through the school year! Mrs. Agee has been in every student's classroom on multiple occasions, working on suicide prevention and identifying healthy coping skills. In the new year, she will continue working with students on practicing healthy coping skills and self-advocacy in school and at home. Having the ability to advocate for yourself is such an important skill to develop, and one you will use the rest of your life. It is important for our students to know that their grades do not define them, and to learn and develop the ability to successfully struggle through daily challenges. We often let our struggles define us. Our identity is in Christ, and we are each a child of God. Middle school is the time our students need to learn invaluable coping skills that enable them to be successful in high school and beyond. If you or your family are in distress, please feel free to reach out for support.

Additionally, with the semester coming to an end, letters are going out to let parents know if your student is considered to be on Academic Probation or "At Risk Status" based on Quarter 1 grades, and current status of Quarter 2 grades. It isn't too late to bring up Quarter 2 grades. Canvas is a great tool for you, as parents, to utilize to ensure you have an up-to-date picture of your child's success in school. If your child earned D's and/or F's quarter one, they are at risk to be on academic probation by the end of first semester. As is stated in the Family Handbook, students are considered academically at-risk w If the overall GPA is below 1.50, students are placed on academic probation. This GPA is based on a 4.0 grading scale. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Agee ( [magee@caschools.us](mailto:magee@caschools.us)) or Mrs. Ahner ( [ahner@caschools.us](mailto:ahner@caschools.us) ).



## Connect with Us - CAL HS

**event** School will be hosting a "Connect with Us!" event on January 14th at 6:00 p.m. It will be all things CAL high school! All sports and coaches will be represented along with High School teachers and students representatives. This fun and informative event is being held in the Blue gym. Further communications will follow from CAL High School. Come and meet: Centurion Varsity Coaches and Players, Student Life Leaders, CAL High School Students, and Schools of Distinction Leaders. Register [HERE](#)

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

Don't Forget to purchase your 2025-2026 Coupon Books! To purchase Here is the link for coupon book purchases:

[Click Here](#)

Enjoy \$60 in Kroger Coupons for only \$20, plus so many other great local restaurants and activities! Enroll in Kroger Rewards Today! Help earn money for our school by shopping for your groceries! It's easy! One time enrollment.



## 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 [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.