

Dates & Reminders:

- **February** Loving Literacy Challenge
- **February 9th -13th** Unity Week
- **February 13th** Grandparents Club Meeting @9am & Class Valentine Parties
- **February 16th** President's Day **NO SCHOOL**
- **February 17th** PTO Night at Malibu Jacks (Forms due February 9th)
- **February 24th** ACSI Day of Prayer
- **February 25th** Kindergarten Cap & Gown/5th Grade Portraits
- **February 26th -27th** Professional Development **NO SCHOOL**
- **March 12th** Christian Academy Gala Event
- **March 13th** Father-Daughter Dance
- **March 17th -27th** Spring Book Fair
- **March 18th** Conference Day **NO SCHOOL**
- **March 20th** World Down Syndrome Day Celebrations
- **March 30th** Blossom the Cross
- **April 3rd** Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**
- **April 6th -10th** Spring Break **NO SCHOOL**

Please email elreception@caschools.us with all attendance or dismissal changes. Changes must be made by **1pm** and early dismissals conclude **@2:15 each day**.

It's Unity Week!

Ask your student what they did to promote unity this week across our school communities.



Loving Literacy

We are SO excited to host a school-wide reading challenge for the month of February -

I Love to Read Month!

The goal is for students to read as many minutes as possible during the month. When students read **1, 5, and 15 hours** over the course of the month, they will receive an individual prize. All prizes will be distributed at the end of the month.

The **class** that reads the most in each grade level will receive a **donut party** and a **"dress like a book character" day**. The **student** in each grade level who reads the most will receive a **reading prize pack** and a **gift card for the book fair**.

Your student will be bringing home a reading log to fill out each week. Please return the sheet by the date listed on the reading log. Late forms will not be accepted. Look for the **BLUE** form that came home in your child's folder last week.

Kindergarten-2nd grade may count *picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, and non-fiction books*.

3rd-5th grade may count *chapter books, graphic novels, and on-level non-fiction books*. We are so excited to see all the great readers we have at

CAL!!

Watch this short video for more information.



What's for lunch?
Click here for our menu.



Click here for 3rd Quarter volunteer sign-ups!



Chapel Corner

Join us for Chapel!

Tuesdays

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

8:10-8:35

3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

8:55-9:30

Not able to join us for chapel?

Check out the video link below!

K, 1st, & 2nd

3rd, 4th, & 5th

Chapel Family Discussion

We may have been snowed in last week, but Dr. Shell still shared some biblical wisdom with us! Was there talk of snow in the Bible? Check out the video to see!

Our counselors have
a website now!
Check it out here.

Join us in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)!

On **03.20.2026**, we invite all Christian Academy Students, teachers, staff, and families (JA-12) to participate by wearing a Christian Academy WDSD t-shirt, jeans, and your favorite silly socks. You can wear a previous WDSD shirt or order a new one for this year!



Order Here



To order, visit <https://calwdsday2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/> before the deadline on **Sunday, March 1st, 2026**. Or use the QR code above. Let's celebrate the uniqueness and joy of every individual created by God!



A Note from the Counselors:

Hello CAL Families!

This week we are learning about and celebrating Unity Week amongst our Christian family and school system. Unity is defined in the Bible as coming together in peace and is described in Ephesians 11:3 - "You are joined together with peace through the Spirit. Do all you can to continue together in this way. Let peace hold you together."

So what are some activities you can do at home as a family to learn about Unity?

- Bible Verse Relay - Have one person cut a Bible verse into pieces and "hide" the pieces. As a family, work together to find the pieces and put the verse together. You can do more than one verse so each person can take turns being the "hider." You can choose verses related to Unity.
- Oil & Vinegar - In a jar show how oil and vinegar won't mix easily. Get ideas from your student(s) about why they won't mix easily. Then pour soap into the jar (which helps the oil and vinegar mix better). The soap represents how, even though we are all different, the Holy Spirit BINDS us together.
- Cross or Church Painting - Give your student(s) an outline of a cross or church or have them draw one. Then have each member of your family fill the cross/church with your finger prints (with paint or ink pads) OR write your names INSIDE the cross/ church. This shows how we are ALL part of the body of CHRIST.
- Stronger Together - Head outdoors to collect sticks (or use craft sticks). Have your student(s) try to break a single stick and then put the sticks in a bundle and tie with a string. Have your student(s) try to break the bundle. Have your student(s) write John 17:11 "Standing together as one" on a card and attach it to the bundle as a reminder that WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.

-The Counseling Team
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