

# CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 – Quarter 2



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### CAL HS Family Calendar

You can always access the High School calendar [online](#). If you are a Google user, you are able to add it to your personal calendar.

### Major Dates

*\*All Dates Subject to Change\**

- 10/23 – Senior Lunch (12:40-1:40)
- 10/24 – Christian College Fair
- 10/26-28 – The Giver presented by DramatiCALs
- 10/30 – Beta Club Inductions
- 10/31 – We Unify Berea Field Trip (All Grades)
- 11/2 – Junior Ring Ceremony
- 11/5 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/6-7 – Teacher PD – No School
- 11/9 – Powder Puff Games
- 11/10 – BioMed Field Trip
- 11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/11 – Evacuation Drill (9:40)
- 12/20 - End First Semester
- 12/21-1/3 - Christmas Break
- 1/3 – Teacher Workday
- 1/4 – Begin 2nd Semester
- 1/15 – Dr. King Day
- 2/5 – Remote Learning Day
- 2/15-16 – Teacher PD – No School
- 2/19 – President's Day – No School
- 3/20 – Career Day
- 3/20 – EL/MS Conference Day
- 3/29 – Good Friday – No School
- 4/1-5 – Spring Break
- 4/8-12 – Senior Trip
- 4/26 – Jr/Sr Prom (7:00-11:00)
- 5/3 – Recess Day
- 5/8-17 – AP Testing
- 5/21-24 – Final Exams
- 5/24 – Graduation (7:00)
- 5/27 – Memorial Day

CASS Calendars Available [Here](#).

## FLIP THE SCRIPT

In recent years, the news has been full of reports of increased mental health issues, among students. We have seen that for ourselves here at CAL. That is why our counselors introduced our "Flip the Script" video series. These brief videos are meant to provide practical tips for promoting emotional health, dispel negative connotations surrounding mental health topics, and remind students they are not alone if they are struggling.

Based on our own experience, we know that our counselors tend to work with an increased number of students who have some level of anxiety this time of year. In response, our first videos have focused on social anxiety and unwanted emotions. Our prayers is that these tips and reminders will help our students navigate their emotions, learn some useful coping skills, and help them help others who may be facing difficulties.

Videos are shown in class every couple of weeks. You can access them on our [Counselor page](#) as they are released to students. We would love for you to continue the conversation at home!

Axis.org also provides a number of free resources on this and many other topics. This is a great place to go when you face a challenge and need some help.

[Conversation Kits](#) (Mental Health & Emotion)

[A Parent's Guide to Anxiety in Teens](#)

[A Parent's Guide to Teen Emotions](#)

[A Parent's Guide to Depression & Anxiety](#)

## CASS TECHNOLOGY FAQ

## DRESS CODE

Fall weather is upon us and until we change over from AC to Heat, the building can be get cold, especially in the mornings. Students need to make sure they have the uniform items they need to be comfortable during this season.

Here are a few reminders:

- Coats, jackets, hats, gloves, blankets, etc. must remain in students' lockers during the school day.
- Girls can wear solid tights or leggings (must come to ankle with no flares); no sweatpants or pajama pants under skirts during the school day.
- Hoodies are not allowed on Chapel Days.
- Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel – no house shoes, Crocs, etc.
- [CASS Uniform & Dress Code Page](#)

## PTO

We are grateful for all the [PTO](#) does for us! Each student received coupon books during back-to-school days. Please return the envelope with payment or any unsold books.

## END OF QUARTER

It is hard to believe that we are already in Quarter 2. High School semester grades are based on total points for the semester rather than averaging separate quarter grades. Therefore, we do not send out quarterly progress reports. Parents are encouraged to check their child's grades through FACTS or Canvas. Find everything you need to know about Canvas [HERE](#).

## FINAL EXAMS

It may seem too early to think about Final Exams, but they will be here before you know it. Final Exams will be **December 15, 18, 19, & 20**. Please note that exams will start on a Friday this year due to Christmas Break. Please pay close attention to the updated exam schedule found below and make sure your child is **NOT ABSENT FROM SCHOOL** during exam week. Christmas Break is Dec. 21 - Jan. 3.

Complete details can be found [HERE](#) and students will receive these [Finals FAQs](#).

### General Info:

- Review Days:
  - Red Days - Wednesday, December 13
  - Blue Days - Thursday, December 14
- During the exam periods, students only have to be at school if they have an exam. If they remain on campus, they will be in an assigned Study Hall and cannot be in any other part of the building. **Parents must arrange for students to be picked up at 11:40. Supervision will not be provided after the second exam period.**
- Please make sure that you communicate clearly with your child what they are supposed to do during any period that they do not have an exam.
- Finals will not be able to be taken early for any reason. Any finals that are missed on the scheduled exam day will be rescheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:30.
- International students are allowed to take finals early to allow one extra travel day. They will need to fill out a reschedule exam request in the office
- Please remind your child that they need to begin preparing for finals early. Students should know if they are exempt and have study materials the day before each block's assigned review day. Refer to each course syllabus for specific information on exemptions and exam weighting.
- All fees, cafeteria charges, library fines, parking fines, athletic fees, etc., must be paid and all detention hours served prior to taking exams.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- All absences should be reported to [tclark@caschools.us](mailto:tclark@caschools.us) by 9:30.
- All early dismissals should be emailed [hsreception@caschools.us](mailto:hsreception@caschools.us) in the morning and no later than 1:00. Students will not be dismissed after 2:40.
- Students who accumulate more than 5 absences in a class for a semester may face academic penalties. This policy is applied to each class separately. Students who exceed the 5-absence limit in any class in a semester are required to file an appeal in order to earn credit in the course(s) missed.
- Junior & Seniors have two College Visit Days that will not count against them for exemptions. Official documentation from the college must be submitted within a week of the visit for the absence to be changed.
- See the Family Handbook for the full attendance policy.



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