

# CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

2023-2024 – Quarter 4



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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\**

- 3/29 – Good Friday – No School
- 4/1-5 – Spring Break
- 4/8-12 – Senior Trip
- 4/8 – Eclipse Day – No School
- 4/18 – Campus Ministry Day (Seniors)
- 4/18 – PTO Lunch
- 4/22 – SBS White Coat Ceremony
- 4/23 – ACT Exam (Juniors)
- 4/23 – Jazz Band & Show Choir Concert (6:30)
- 4/25 – Core Groups
- 4/26 – Prom (Jr/Sr dismissed after 2<sup>nd</sup> Block)
- 4/29 – Spiritual Formation Ceremony (5:30)
- 4/30 – Percussion Ensemble Concert (6:30)
- 5/3 – Recess Day
- 5/6 – AP Exams Begin
- 5/6 – Senior Awards Night
- 5/7 – Choir Concert (6:30)
- 5/9 – Band Concert (6:30)
- 5/10-11 – Rocketry Competition
- 5/13 & 14 – Senior Finals (Senior-only classes)
- 5/14 – Senior Walkout
- 5/21-24 – Final Exams
- 5/23 – Baccalaureate (7:00)
- 5/24 – Graduation (7:00)

[2024-25 CASS Calendars](#)

### Finish Strong

In my twenty four years in education, one thing remains the same... I'm always surprised by how quickly the end of the school year comes. While the days can sometimes be long, the school year speeds along. And the final weeks of the 2023-2024 school year are going to fly by!

As we near the end, I encourage you to take in the action of one of our spring sports or the fun of our final concerts. Don't let the busyness of April and May get in the way of enjoying

As final exams are right around the corner (see below for info) encourage your children to finish strong! They need to be at school on time every day. They need to complete their work, put in time and effort on tests, quizzes, and projects. Also take time to review Final Exam and Project information for each class and help them prepare in advance to limit stress.

This is also a good time to check in on your child's emotional health. You have probably seen headlines showing study after study telling us that teenagers today are facing stress, anxiety, and mental illness at higher rates than any other generation before them. The reasons are too numerous to cover here, but I would encourage you to read "[Why American Teens Are So Sad](#)" from *The Atlantic*. While it doesn't approach the topic from a Biblical Worldview, those of us who work with teenagers everyday found it insightful. I also want to remind that [Axis.org](#) has a number of resources that can help address these and many other issues.

The High School Faculty & Staff are grateful that you have entrusted your children to us and allow us to play a role in their academic, spiritual, and social development. Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to write some thank you notes to our phenomenal teachers!

**Mr. Brown**

### ACT

All Juniors will take the ACT here at school on Tuesday, April 23, during Blocks 1 & 2 and then be excused from school.

This is an official ACT test and is required for all Juniors at CAL. Counselors will provide more specific information via email.

### JOIN US AT THE BATS

Join our CAL family for a night of baseball, fun, & fellowship at the Louisville Bats! Click the link for details and to purchase tickets [CAL Spirit Night at the Bats Tickets](#). Advanced purchase required, 2 years and under admitted free.

## FINAL EXAMS

Exams are May 21, 22, 23, & 24. Complete details can be found [here](#) and we will also provide students with the following [Finals FAQs](#). Parents will receive emails from individual teachers with information pertaining to final exams/projects.

### General Info:

- Review Days:
  - Red Day Classes – Friday, May 19
  - Blue Day Classes - Monday, May 20
- Textbooks must be checked in prior to taking the final. See separate emails for guidelines for returning Textbooks and Chromebooks.
- Attendance will be taken during the Review Days. 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 hang out in Elementary, Middle School, Gym, etc.
- Please make sure that you communicate clearly with your child what they are supposed to do during any block that they do not have an exam.
- Finals cannot be rescheduled for convenience.
- International students will be allowed to take finals early to allow an extra travel day. They will need to contact their counselor to reschedule any exams scheduled on Thursday.
- 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 teacher emails 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.

## DETENTION

If your child is assigned detention, they need to serve that week after school on Wednesday or before school on Friday. All detention hours need to be served before the end of school. If your child has multiple hours, they need to plan ahead and get them served as we hold diplomas and grades.

## CANVAS

Help your child finish strong by reviewing their grades and upcoming assignments, tests, and projects. Find everything you need to know about Canvas [HERE](#).

## PROM REMINDERS

Prom is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Juniors and Seniors will be dismissed at the end of 2nd block. Students **MUST** be at school two full blocks to attend prom. **NO** early dismissals, **NO** appointments, **NO** coming late/leaving early.

Permission forms for those bringing outside dates are available in the high school office and must be completed **BEFORE** buying the ticket.

[CAL Dance FAQs](#)

## CASS TECHNOLOGY FAQ

## CHROMEBOOKS

If your child is returning to Christian Academy High School for the 2024-2025 school year they will keep their Chromebook and charger in a safe location over the summer and bring the fully charged Chromebook to the first day of school.

For those who are not returning, including Seniors, Chromebox must be returned along with the charger that was u=issued to them after their last final exam.

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