



# Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—November 15, 2019

Dear Southwest Family,

Happy Thanksgiving! A verse that the Lord has laid on my heart the past several weeks is from Psalm 19:14, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." What a blessing it is to be here, to be at Christian Academy, to be called, to be set apart, and to be living sacrifices wherever we are; doing whatever we are doing for God's glory! Being a child of God, being a spouse, being a parent, and being a Christian educator is not easy. I can't do any of these roles in my own strength. The Lord continues to impress upon me to lean into Him, to seek Him first, and to please Him at all times and in all things.

I can't help around the holidays but to think of my dad. He has been home with Jesus 7 years now. I still miss him, and let me just truly share how I am able to remember him now. I remember the good, healthy, strong, Christian man he was. My dad had cancer and dementia, and in his final year on this earth he was feeble, small, weak, and sickly looking. I thought that would always be how I would remember him, as I last saw him. But God is so good! That final earthly state was not my final remembrance of my dad. Now I can still remember his laugh, his quirks, his voice, and his presence. My dad walked and talked with me about Jesus. He prayed. He disciplined me (yes, I needed correction now and then— especially when mini skirts were in style!) and he loved me deeply. His presence was strong, big, engaging, and personal.

Now as a parent myself, I can't tell you that I am getting everything right. I can tell you I pray, search God's word, take those boys to church, and walk and talk with them about the Lord. However, I pray God's presence is bigger than mine and my husband's. I pray they draw nearer to Jesus. If you have not heard the song, "Only Jesus" by Casting Crowns search for it and listen. That is my heart's cry for my blood family and my spiritual family. We are doing kingdom work so do not grow weary, but rejoice and be pleasing in your words and thoughts for our Lord.

Parents, I want to encourage you. Please the Lord—not your employer, not your plan, not someone else's agenda, but be a living and holy living sacrifice for the LORD. He loves you. He died for you, and He conquered death for you. So live for Him! Days will be long. You may be weary, but rest in Him. Rejoice in Him. Rely on Him. He has given you breath and life. I thank Him for bringing you here. I thank Him for giving you faith in Jesus. I praise Him for this place! We are so blessed.

Serving Him,  
Mrs. Carson

## KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please make sure your calendars are marked for Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 PM for our Christmas program. The program will feature our Kindergarten through 5th Grade students, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class acting out the Christmas story.

**Attendance is a requirement for K-5th Grade students as stated in the Elementary Family Handbook.** Students must be in their designated areas by 6:40 PM. Students may wear a nice outfit instead of school uniforms, but please keep in mind dress code rules (no jeans allowed) and that they will be sitting down on the risers during portions of the program. Please contact Mrs. Stivers at [kstivers@caschools.us](mailto:kstivers@caschools.us) if you have any questions.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

Our yearbook for the 2019-2020 school year is now on sale! Visit [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Be sure to select "Christian Academy of Louisville Southwest" from the list of schools. Yearbooks are \$22.50 each and only sold online. In addition, we would appreciate your help with photos. If you snap a pic at a school function, feel free to email it to Ms. Games at [algames@caschools.us](mailto:algames@caschools.us) so it can possibly be used in this year's book. If you take a multiple photos of an event, send up to 5 photos. Thanks so much for your help this year and for ordering a yearbook!

# Upcoming Events

## NOVEMBER

11/15—Away Basketball Game at Collegiate 5:30 PM  
11/18—Home Basketball Game vs. LCHE 5:30 PM  
11/19—Away Basketball Game at OSL 6:00 PM  
11/21—Operation Christmas Child Chapel Service 9:00  
11/21—Away Basketball Game at Beth Haven 7:00 PM  
11/25—Away Basketball Game at Little Flock 5:30 PM  
11/26—Home Basketball Game vs. Whitefield 5:30 PM  
11/27-11/29—No School PK-8 for Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

12/05—Home Basketball Game vs. West Point 5:30 PM  
12/06—PK4-5th Grade Shadow Day for 2020-2021 year  
12/10—Home Basketball Game vs. OSL 5:30 PM  
12/12—K-5th Grade Christmas Program 7:00 PM  
12/13—Home Basketball Game vs. Collegiate 5:30 PM  
12/17—Home Basketball Game vs. Little Flock 5:30 PM  
12/19—Christmas Chapel Service 9:00 AM  
12/20—PK-5th Grade Christmas Parties

## JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

- JA will be reading the book "Stone Soup" by Ann McGovern. We will be making our own Stone Soup on Tuesday, November 26. Please watch for emails from your child's teacher or notices on their doors as to what your child's class will be bringing to contribute to the making of the soup just like the story.
- JA will be closed November 27-29 for observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. May you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!
- On Friday, December 6, the Red, Purple and Green rooms will be shadowing the Kindergarten class. They will be able to have a glimpse of what Kindergarten will be like!
- On Friday, December 20, we will have our "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Parties. See your child's teacher for details.

## TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

All students received a packet from our PTO for our annual fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse. Each year, we sell Texas Roadhouse gift cards and the profits earned are used by our PTO for a variety of needs around our campus. The gift cards make great Christmas gifts! The deadline to submit your order packet and payments is **Wednesday, November 20**. This is a firm deadline so that all gift cards can be processed and returned back to students during the first week of December.

### Texas Roadhouse is Offering Special Incentives with the Gift Card Orders:

- For Every \$30 worth of Gift Cards Sold – Receive a Free \$5 Gift Card
- For Every \$50 worth of Gift Cards Sold – Receive a Free \$5 Gift Card and a Free Appetizer Card
- For Every \$100 worth of Gift Cards Sold – Receive a Free \$20 Gift Card

### Texas Roadhouse will also be Giving Prizes for Participation:

- Each student that participates will receive a coupon for a free kids meal and a goody bag.
- The class with the top participation will earn a Class Dessert Party.
- The student with the largest amount of sales (\$500 minimum) will receive a \$100 gift card to the store of their choice and a "Texas Roadhouse Kids Eat Free For a Year" pass.
- The 2nd place student (with \$300 minimum sales) will receive a \$50 gift card to the store of their choice and a "Texas Roadhouse Kids Eat Free For a Year" pass.
- The 3rd place student (with \$200 minimum sales) will receive a \$25.00 gift card to the store of their choice and a "Texas Roadhouse Kids Eat Free For a Year" pass.

We appreciate your continued support of our PTO! If you have any questions, please contact our PTO President, Sara Butler, at [skbutler33@gmail.com](mailto:skbutler33@gmail.com).

## PTO NEWS



Box Tops for Education is now entirely online! Download their app, scan your receipts with your phone, and our school will be credited for your Boxtops-eligible items. No more clipping box tops! For more information visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to download the app.

Please make sure that your Kroger Plus Card is registered for Community Rewards for our campus. Each time that you shop at Kroger, a portion of your purchase is donated to our PTO! Enroll your Kroger Plus Card online at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and choose Christian Academy of Louisville-SW PTO or #RP963.





## SECOND QUARTER SERVICE PROJECT

Don't forget that the deadline to turn in these gifts is Thursday, November 21, as part of National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a special combined chapel service that day from 9:00-10:00 AM in our school gym. We will learn more about this ministry and hopefully share the specific countries where our shoebox gifts will be sent.

Last year, our Southwest campus gave 410 shoebox gifts to this ministry and helped to share the Gospel in 10 different countries! **Our goal this year is 350 SHOEBOX GIFTS!** Our students have shown so much excitement about this project, and we can't wait to see how the Lord will work through our efforts.

**PLEASE NOTE**—Every child who donates a shoebox gift will have their name put in a drawing for a free ticket to Newport Aquarium! We will draw winners from preschool, elementary, and middle school. The number of entries for a child's name will equal the number of shoeboxes that the child turns in (ex. 3 shoebox gifts equals 3 times entered in the drawing).

If you have any questions about what can or cannot be included in your shoebox gift, please contact Shannon Wilson at [sewilson@caschools.us](mailto:sewilson@caschools.us).

For more information on Operation Christmas Child, you can visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## ACSI SPELLING BEE—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of 5 volunteers to represent CAL-SW to help judge the annual spelling bee at Whitefield Academy on Friday, February 21, 2020. We will not be permitted to participate without volunteers. Please contact Jenelle Cummings at [jcumings@caschools.us](mailto:jcumings@caschools.us) if you would like more information about possibly volunteering.

# November 2019 Southwest

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
4 Sausage Link Pancake Wrap Hash Brown Applesauce Yogurt	5 Chicken Quesadilla Mexican Fiesta Rice Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie	6 Chicken Alfredo Peas Peaches French Roll	7 Hot Dog Baked Beans Peas & Carrots Grapes	8 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
11 Fish Bites Macaroni & Cheese Applesauce	12 Cheeseburger Celery Sticks Apple Slices Chips	13 Lasagna Roll-Up Tossed Salad Pears Garlic Toast	14 Chicken Patty Sandwich Peas Applesauce Rice Krispy Treat	15 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
18 Toasted Ravioli with Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Pears Garlic Toast	19 Chicken Tenders Buttered Noodles Green Beans Peaches	20 Frito Pie Corn Pineapple Sugar Cookie	21 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Banana Yogurt Chips	22 Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit
25 Hot Pocket Broccoli Tropical Fruit Salad Oreo Cookies	26 Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Peaches Chips	27 <i>No School</i> 	28 <i>No School</i>  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29 <i>No School</i>

8-ounce 1% white milk, skim chocolate milk or water available daily. Menu subject to change.

**MENU CHANGE FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26—We will have pizza, fresh vegetables, and fruit.**