



Christian Academy Schools Eagle Vision

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Our Mission is to
“Equip and Inspire Students to be a
New Generation of Christ-Centered Leaders”

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A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would remind people of the true meaning of Christmas; so, he made the candy cane to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

The candy maker then shaped his cane into the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to the earth as Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down to reclaim the fallen lambs who, like sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Sometimes a green stripe is added as a reminder that Jesus is a Gift from God. The flavor of the candy is peppermint which is like hyssop. Hyssop is in the mint family and was used in the Old Testament for purification and sacrifice. Jesus is the Pure Lamb of God come to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

So, the next time you see a candy cane, hear the Sermon it preaches: Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, is the Rock of all Ages who suffered and died for our sins.



**4 Wisemen?
Where's Mr. Monroe?**

Thank you for putting up the beautiful manger scene for everyone to enjoy.

~~Middle & High School Christmas Celebration~~

Friday, December 20th

Christian Academy's Christmas Celebration is scheduled for December 20th. Things are a little different this year. First big change – we do not have an early dismissal that day. The first half of the day will be our normal classes but shortened in length. Our special Christmas activities will begin at lunch. We will still have an ugly sweater contest, Christmas caroling, a "white elephant" gift exchange and our classic pizza fest. Please find details for each below.

Ugly Sweater Contest

All middle and high school students can wear an ugly Christmas sweater for our ugly sweater contest. If students do not wish to participate in the ugly sweater contest, they should wear a CAS shirt.

Outreach & Caroling

All 6th – 12th grade students will be involved in some sort of outreach activity. This might be caroling, passing out hot chocolate, visiting with elderly at local assisted living facilities by playing games and having a "sing-along," and/or handing out candy canes with the gospel message in the downtown Sidney. We will also deliver baked cookies to the local Sheriff & Police Departments. (The cookies will be made by students earlier in the week during selected classes.)

“White Elephant” Gift Exchange

Everyone is to bring a wrapped gift. **Do NOT spend more than \$5.** “Gift” can be new or gently used. Be creative!!!

Christmas Celebration Meal

We are asking students to bring in \$4 each to cover a special meal of pizza, veggies, desserts, & pop. We will have gluten free options for those who need them. **Please pay Mrs. Miller by Wednesday, December 18th.**

K – 5 Christmas Parties

On **Friday, December 20th** the individual elementary classes are going to enjoy their Christmas parties in the afternoon. The morning will consist of regular school activities. Make sure, parents, read your teachers newsletters and emails to know what plans have been made for their Christmas Parties.

Athletic Booster Club Meeting

Chad Inman, CAS athletic director, has scheduled an Athletic Booster Club meeting on **Monday, December 16th @ 6 p.m.** Chad would love to have YOU be a part of the Sports Booster Club! If you are interested in being a part of the Booster Club or just want to see what it's all about, come and join us! If you have any other questions, please email chad@sidneyfaith.org.

College Credit Plus for College Level Classes

College Credit Plus meeting will be **Thursday, January 9th at 6 p.m.** to hear how students in *upcoming grades* 7-12th might be able to take college level courses. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please let Mrs. Baughman know so she can plan accordingly with the appropriate colleges. Contact Kristina at kristina.baughman@caseagles.org with questions or interest.

Are your Children Missing Coats, Sweatshirts, Pants, Lunch Boxes?

A table of Lost and Found items was placed on a table at the Christmas Concert for parents to go through. Guess what? We still have three lost and found boxes full of clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes, and a back pack.

If your student(s) is missing anything, please stop by before Christmas break. Items not claimed will be then be taken to Goodwill or Fish. Please make sure you or your student stops by Mrs. McPherson's (Purple's) office to check the lost and found.

Christmas is a Time to Enjoy Family & Friends

Last Day of School

Friday, December 20th

Christmas Break

Monday, December 23rd-Friday, January 3rd

School Begins

Monday, January 6th

Volunteers Needed for Middle School/High School Homecoming

Are you creative? Energetic? Love homecoming activities? Well, this is your chance to volunteer! Homecoming week is **Tuesday, January 21st** and ending on **Saturday, January 25th** with a fun and exciting evening. If you are interested in using your creative talents, ideas, etc. contact Mrs. McPheron at 492-7556 or email denise.mcpheron@caseagles.org.

Walk for the King Update

We left an incredibly beautiful area with caves and waterfalls and are half way to our next destination. I wonder what it is going to look like. Teachers have picked up the pace in the last month and have now surpassed the students in total minutes. Students, you have some work to do. Are you up to the task?

Verse of the Week

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

Matthew 2:10-11

Thought: It is more important to give than to receive because God gave us the best gift of all: Jesus! We need to recognize that Christmas is about giving to others because God gave us eternal life through Jesus Christ. While physical gifts are good, spiritual gifts are even better! Let's share His love when we give to others. Change our hearts to be more like God. Help us give to others as He so freely given to us.

Sports News

Come & Cheer for Our Basketball Teams!

Saturday, December 14	JH Boys vs. Immaculate Conception (home)	12 p.m.
	Varsity Girls vs. Immaculate Conception	1:15 p.m.
	Varsity Boys vs. Immaculate Conception	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18	JH Girls vs. Calvary (home)	5 p.m.
	Varsity Girls vs. Calvary	6 p.m.
	JH Girls vs. Dominion (away)	6:30 p.m. (bus leaves @ 5 p.m.)
Friday, December 20	Varsity Girls vs. Dominion	7:45 p.m.
	<i>200 Homewood, Dayton</i>	



Sports Team Pictures
Tuesday, December 17th
Contact Your Coach for more Information



CAS Track Coach Needed!

Christian Academy School is looking for a High School Track Coach. This person needs to have some knowledge of all the different aspects of track. They need to have a personal relationship with Christ and agree to the statement of faith at Christian Academy School. They need to have a desire to not only teach all the aspects of track but more importantly invest in the building of the athlete's spiritual relationship with Christ. The track season will start in March and end in May. This position will be paid \$900 at the end of the season. If you are interested, please contact Chad Inman at 937-638-0411 or at chad@sidneyfaith.org

Help Needed for Concession Stands & Ticket Area

Help needed! Parents we need your help in working the concession stands for the home basketball games. If each player's family works, there would be one or two games for each family. What do you get in return? Free admission to the game, a great view of the game, and volunteer hours. There is also an opportunity to earn volunteer hours and get free admission to the game with a great view while taking tickets for each game. Mrs. Inman has a sign-up sheet available at her desk if you can volunteer.

Christmas 2019 Concert Memories



Thank You to...

- ◆ **Mrs. Joines** for directing the Voices Eternal and the Christmas Concert. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **Mr. Streb** for directing the middle school and high school band. It was wonderful to hear the beautiful Christmas music.
- ◆ **Mrs. Mertz** for directing the string orchestra.
- ◆ **Mrs. Ditmer** for coordinating the photography exhibit. CAS is blessed with such talented photography students.
- ◆ **All the CAS students** for sharing all your Christmas excitement through song and drama. CAS is very proud of you!