



# 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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## From the Desk of Head of School Dick Dray



Hi Folks,

Recently I was sitting with my wife and daughter one evening during dinner and the topic of children’s and general literature came up. My wife and daughter are both kindergarten teachers so you can imagine our conversations often have some sort of education or ministry focus in them.

Our hearts were saddened when a new children’s book came about recently that could be ordered from a well -known secular publisher and those types of books would easily be found in many a secular classroom or library. The book is simple with beautiful artwork that would draw many a young reader to it. Sadly, as you read through it with a set of Christian eyes and ears you would realize that the definition of what would be a normal Biblical pattern of family and roles is missing. Alternative lifestyles with their corresponding family makeup simply are presented as the norm.

As Christians who are educators, we are thankful for the Christian schools where we serve. Our primary source for textbooks and general reading books is from Christian publishers and any “secular books” that are used are screened to make sure what is read is in alignment with what the Bible promotes. Second Timothy 3:16,17 is a great passage that reminds us that God’s Word is literally God breathed and that in its pages we can know what is right, wrong, if we failed then how to get right and stay right so that we can be adequately equipped for the good work God has for us. Know that this is the goal of all that we do here at Christian Academy Schools.

God Bless,  
*Dick Dray*  
CAS Head of Schools

### Mission Statement

*“To Equip and Inspire a New Generation of Christ-Centered Leaders”*

## Please Pray for the Upcoming Spiritual Emphasis Week

Spiritual Emphasis for middle and high school students, October 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, is just around the corner and CAS has some great things planned for your middle school and high school students. Pastor Tim from Only Believe will be here Monday and Tuesday to unpack Proverbs 4:20-27 and challenge students to take the next step in their walk with Jesus.

Tuesday afternoon and all-day Wednesday we will focus on living out our faith in the world as we participate in numerous outreach activities. Each year we have the great blessing of serving the Lord in our communities. Though this year will look different due to Covid, we will not let it stop us from being the hands and feet of Jesus. Imagine all our 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students leaving the walls of CAS into multiple sites and you can begin to see why I get so excited. You begin to see the great potential we have for being the light of Christ to a “fallen world” and the many blessings our students receive as a result. You also begin to see our need for prayer, and our need for parental assistance.

**Want to help us? You can volunteer for Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning &/or Wednesday afternoon.** We do everything from rake leaves, play games with the elderly, help handicapped students with craft projects, to making lasagna meals for needy families. If you are interested, please email me at [sheryl.ditmer@caseagles.org](mailto:sheryl.ditmer@caseagles.org).



## Do You Know Anyone Who Can Donate a Band Instrument?

Our Christian Academy band and orchestra is growing! We could use more instruments. If you know someone who has an instrument that they can donate that would be wonderful. Please feel free to call Mr. Streb at 937-418-1183 or contact Mrs. McPheron at 937-492-7556 or [denise.mcpheron@caseagles.org](mailto:denise.mcpheron@caseagles.org).

## Volleyball Schedule for Next Week

|                      |                                 |           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Tonight, October 2   | JH vs. Milford Christian (home) | 5:30 p.m. |
|                      | Varsity vs. Milford Christian   | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, October 6   | JH vs. Dayton Temple (home)     | 5:30 p.m. |
|                      | Varsity vs. Dayton Temple       | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, October 9    | JH vs. Calvary (home)           | 5:30 p.m. |
|                      | Varsity vs. Calvary             | 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 10 | JH vs. Mars Hill (away)         | 12 p.m.   |
|                      | Varsity vs. Mars Hill           | 1 p.m.    |

## Boys Basketball Open Gym

Boys basketball will be holding open gym's beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Then it will be every Monday and Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. until regular basketball practices begin.



## PINK OUT Night to be Held

**PINK** Out night will be held on **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Junior High, and High School volleyball games. Everyone is welcome to dress up in Christian Academy attire or **PINK** clothing in support of breast cancer awareness month.

## Volleyball Senior Night Recognition

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will be honoring our volleyball senior during the volleyball games. The senior being recognized is Brooke Fishback. Brooke is the daughter of David & Becky Fishback, Piqua. Come out and join us as the volleyball teams host Calvary Christian. Junior High game is at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity is at 6:30 p.m. See ya all there!!



## Fall Weather Has Arrived!

Isn't it beautiful outside? The leaves are turning, and the smell of fall is in the air. But now that the weather is getting cooler *please bring a jacket for your child*. Students will be going outside for recess and enjoying the fall weather.

### Verse of the Week

*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."*

Galatians 5:22

Do you feel angry with your parents a lot? If so, you're not alone. Anger at your parents often comes when you feel misunderstood. And while it's ok to have those feelings, God wants us to develop, grow, and become mature in Him. We can do that by focusing in on the fruit of the spirit. God tells us that He's given us the Holy Spirit to produce those fruit in our lives. So, while our natural reaction might be to snap at our parents, we have to realize that we're filled with the Holy Spirit. So, we need to begin to tap into the Holy Spirit and let the fruit He produces flow out of our lives. This isn't to say you're going to be perfect at self-control. No. We all mess up, lose our cool from time to time. However, we should be striving to be more like Christ and to let the fruit of the spirit flow out of our lives.

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## Classroom Technology & the COVID-19 Pandemic

Written by Samuel Freer, grade 11

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our school has been more reliant on classroom technology than ever before. We've been preparing for the possibility of having to do remote learning again. This means completing assignments online. Mrs. Berning (our lead high school teacher), Mrs. Nauman (our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher), and Mr. Ball (our IT support) were interviewed and a survey was given to the students in the 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades to see how they are handling these changes.

The students were interviewed about how comfortable they were with our remote learning plans. Most students gave four or five stars out of five, but about a quarter of the students still felt uncomfortable. The teachers who were interviewed felt that most students were comfortable with remote learning plans. While it seems clear that many are comfortable, it seems we still may need some improvements with our remote learning plans. Mr. Ball said, "There have been many issues with trying to go remote... Such as computer issues. If everyone goes home, we currently have no way to fix those student's laptops that need help. This is what we are focusing on..." Many students also said they were unsure if we were prepared for distance learning, but both Mr. Ball and Mrs. Berning said that they were actively working on improving the remote learning experience for all students and teachers.

Last year, both students and teachers were unprepared for the shift to distance learning. Now, CAS is trying to make it easier for teachers and students to use technology for classwork. Since last spring, we have been using Microsoft Teams as the platform of choice for remote learning. Mr. Ball said, "The advantages that technology has given the school, is that we are now able to communicate better with staff and students... Microsoft Teams [has] allowed our school to collaborate more and allow us to go a little more green." Mrs. Berning also told us about some training the teachers are undergoing to improve the remote learning experience. She said, "We've been doing a lot of work to [prepare for distance learning]."

When students were asked what their opinion on distance learning was, there were some very interesting results. An overwhelming majority, ~50% of respondents said they were okay with distance learning. Additionally, another 27% of respondents said they preferred distance learning to in-person teaching, which was an unexpected result. Another 15% thought their grades would suffer, and the other 12% didn't think they would learn or didn't think they could do distance learning. Mrs. Berning said, "I think most students are now very relaxed about the [distance] learning..."

Christian Academy Schools has also been working on improving the technology in the actual classroom. Mr. Ball told us how he was pushing to get more Promethean Boards (which are a large tv-like display which can be used for a variety of purposes including whiteboard, presentation device, touchscreen, etc.) in the classrooms. He said, "This would allow us to slowly pursue more of a STEM basis within the school and allow more students to get on the path of STEM products." STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

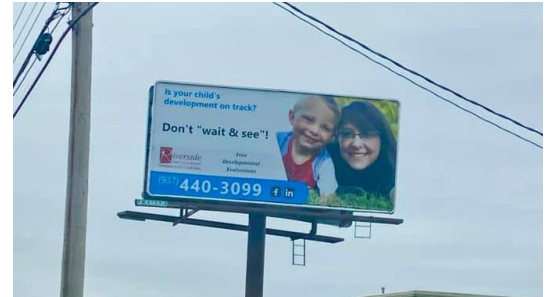
The teachers were also asked about how technology helped their classes. Mrs. Berning said, "Technology has helped in that it is very easy to bring up an example... For example, in Biology, I wanted to teach the students about bioluminescent animals, and it was very easy to pull it up on the internet and show them actual pictures of it." Mrs. Naumann also said that it was very beneficial to be able to find information on the internet for her class.

Overall, technology in the classroom has greatly helped our staff and students. Now, we are preparing to make it possible for our school to do distance learning, which will allow students to learn even if they can't attend school or they are sick. Whether or not CAS goes to distance learning, classroom technology will greatly help students learn both at and away from school.

**This Week at CAS**



On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> school was dismissed at 1:30 p.m. for the staff to participate in the teacher’s professional development afternoon!



Henry Doolittle, age 3, and his mom, Caroline are honored to be featured on Riverside’s early intervention billboard in Piqua on 25A across from Paul Sherry.



Cory, Colleen, Brooke, Mallory & Jarred are writing notes to their grandparents. Grandparents are so special!



KC, kindergarten, wanted to dress like Mr. K on Wednesday. Aren’t they handsome?



Mastery of the monkey bars is a definite kindergarten goal!



Mr. Redinbo greets the students every morning at CAS. Thank you for volunteering!

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.  
-Chuck Swindoll