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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



In All Circumstances?

I must admit when reading certain passages in the Bible it's very easy to say to God “Really?” One of those passages for me is found in 1st Thessalonians 5:18...” give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” In this time of our Thanksgiving holiday season knowing we have been through now almost nine months of challenging times related the coronavirus there have been difficulties. I am probably not alone in my thoughts as the whole COVID matter has been very draining and impacting on almost every area of daily life. But despite of all the hard things we have all faced I am reminded that during all these circumstances God has been and still is blessing. Here are just a few of the things that I, during these circumstances am thankful for:

1. Our CAS families and students and their commitment to our school.
2. Our CAS staff, substitute teachers and Board members.
3. Overall good health and safety for our school (though a few have experienced challenges).
4. Being daily able to be a part of a great Christian School education in Shelby County and surrounding areas.
5. God’s ongoing provision for Christian Academy and our families.
6. Little things each day that bring BIG smiles to our faces 😊.
7. A never changing God in an ever-changing world!

Even as you read this.....know I am thankful for YOU!!! Happy Thanksgiving 😊

God Bless,

Dick Dray

CAS Head of School

Mission Statement

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Beginning to Sound A Lot Like Christmas.....Christmas Concert Update

The students and staff have been working hard on their music for the Christmas Concert **Tuesday night December 1st**. We are excited for them and proud of all their efforts thus far.

While our concert(s) will be going on, the format will be adjusted from previous years due to guidelines and mandates concerning performances as laid out by the Department of Health. These adjustments will be similar to what we have been and will continue to follow much like that of athletic events. Seating capacities, spacing, facial coverings, foot traffic flow etc. are impacted. Below are the key items to keep in mind:

1. We will have **two** performances **December 1st** with the **1st performance** beginning at **6 p.m.** that will only be for students in grades **K,1,2,3,4,6** and **two** guests per student. Each student in advance will receive two tickets for that performance that must be presented at the door to enter. **Face coverings will be required** for all attending with the exception of medical issues. Seating for guests and students will be specially set up for healthy spacing.
2. After the first performance then the gym will be cleared of everyone out the west gym doors. Some cleaning and re-setting will take place at that time. Those coming for the **2nd performance** that will begin at approximately **7:05 p.m.** will be required to wait outside until the gym has been readied.
3. The **2nd performance** will include **grade 5, Show Choir and all instrumental music students**. Each of those students will be given two tickets to give to guests of their choice. Those tickets will be required for entering the gym. **Face coverings will be required** for those attending with the exception of medical issues. Seating for guests and students will be specially set up for healthy spacing.
4. All attending will be asked prior to arriving to check for personal temps to be sure under 100 as well as being sure that no signs of COVID are present such as nausea, consistent cough, chills, fatigue, breathing difficulty, headache, sore throat. If these are present, then we ask you not attend.
5. Each presentation can be recorded by guests present to show others later. While we realize these requirements and adjustments are more limiting, we are grateful by doing them we can have the concert go on for our students and families.

If you have any additional questions you can contact the school to assist with these items. Thanks again for your prayers and support for Christian Academy Schools.

CAS Class Basket Phone-In Auction
TOMORROW November 21st from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Read Separate E-mail Concerning the Auction!

First Presbyterian Turkey Trot Canned Food Drive

It's that time of year again. Students from K-12 are encouraged to participate and bring in canned foods to CAS. Though the Turkey Trot event has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19, we recognize that food needs is more prevalent this year due to the pandemic. The First Presbyterian Church is hosting a drive-thru canned food drive, and we would like CAS students to participate in the event. The elementary, middle, and high school will compete and the class with the most cans per person will win an ice cream party. The drive will end on **Tuesday, November 24th @ 12 p.m.** All the items collected will go to the First Presbyterian Church and will be distributed throughout Shelby County. Please consider donating cans and non-perishable food items to help needy families this Thanksgiving season.

School & Offices Closed for Thanksgiving



Wednesday, November 25th
Thursday, November 26th
Friday, November 27th



*No matter what's going on in your life, there is always something to be thankful for.
Health, Home, Family, Friends, Food*



The Blessing of Giving and Receiving

As we will soon be in the month of December, we as a staff realize what a blessing it is to have our students here with us every day. Know that our teachers and staff daily (not uncommon to be six days a week) are praying for and prepping hearts and lessons to meet the various needs of the students. It brings great joy to our staff and hopefully to you as families.

During this time of the year students and families will bless our staff with notes and gifts and it is truly a blessing to receive these. One practice that has gone on here at Christian Academy for many years has been to also collect a love offering during the Christmas concert which will be on Tuesday, December 1st this year. Funds from this are later divided between all the staff as a Christmas blessing. As you know several staff don't have the direct contact daily with the students in the classrooms yet their role here at CAS is crucial as well, so this gift helps tremendously. If you can give a donation during the concert that will be wonderful. If you want to simply send a donation to the school between now and Saturday, December 12th and mark it to the attention of Lisa Miller for the staff gift, she will make sure it gets added to the total. Thanks again for the blessing of giving and receiving 😊 Mr. Dick Dray

Student Quarantine Makeup Work Policy for Middle School & High School Will Go into Effect on Monday, November 23rd at 12:01 a.m.

As we have experienced some students being out due to quarantine, we have discovered there is need for a policy to assist parents and students in what the expectations are regarding classwork and homework. There are two situations a student can be in under simple quarantine or out of school:

1. Student is truly sick and would be out of school anyways.
 - a. Follow missed work guidelines in handbook (1 day for every day they are out)
2. Student is being quarantined but not sick and able to participate in distance learning.
 - a. The family is responsible to obtain the student's computer and books needed. We are happy to compile items for the families to come for a touchless pick up if needed by the end of the 1st day of quarantine.
 - b. Students are responsible to check their emails, Renweb, and Teams for work. Teachers will communicate with students through RenWeb and Teams what their expectations are for the student.
 - c. By the end of the 1st day of quarantine, students will have acquired all necessary supplies. (i.e. computer, books binders, etc.)
 - i. Students will be expected to follow the same due dates for assignments and classwork as if they were in the classroom. They are to check each class they would have for that day in RenWeb and Teams for tasks to be completed and homework that needs submitted.
 - ii. Late work policy will follow the handbook, as if the student were in the classroom.
3. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Baughman at 937-492-7556 or kristina.baughman@caseagles.org.



Middle School & High School
October & November
Students of the Month



Elementary Praise Team led by Coach Bekah!

This Week @ CAS



Kindergarten students love chasing after the leaves!



Thank you, Mrs. Barger and Mrs. Michael for all your hard work for the 2020 Spelling Bee.



Spelling Bee Participants! Great job, everyone!



Jackson Doolittle, grade 4, spelling a word during the spelling bee.



Savannah Baughman, grade 8, spelling a word during the spelling bee.



Congratulations, Colleen and Evie. CAS is proud of you!

Results from November 17th CAS Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, November 17th, Christian Academy held their annual school wide Spelling Bee. Twelve classroom winners in grades third through eighth participated in the bee. The winner was Colleen Chalfant from the eighth grade. The runner up was Evie Oglesby from the seventh grade. The winner will compete in the regional Spelling Bee. Congratulations Colleen and Evie.

Verse of the Week

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.” 1 John 3:18

If you say you love other people, but aren't friendly to the new student, or help encourage the student being bullied, you're loving people with words, but not with action. Loving someone with action and truth takes guts. It asks you to step beyond what seems comfortable to do what is right. That is what today's Bible verse challenges us to do. Will you step beyond what is comfortable and do what is right?

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