



## Mission Statement

*"To Equip and Inspire a New Generation of Christ-Centered Leaders."*

## Spreading Jesus with Paint at Christian Academy Schools



Artist Marc Eckel, of Warsaw, Indiana, paints a portrait of Jesus using his hands as Christian music played. Eckel spent Wednesday, reading to Christian Academy students as well as making art for them and talking with them about the importance of believing in Jesus.

Eckel has been all over the world spreading his message of faith in Jesus through his performative art. His organization is called Splat Experience. Eckel was featured on the Mike Huckabee show. He performed two tours with the band Casting Crowns, and he performed live at the U.S. Capitol on National Day of Prayer.

Eckel estimates he has held around 1,450 performances. "We're about two things," Eckel said. "We're about worship and we're about evangelism. We want to tell people who Jesus Christ is, and what He's done. It's a matter of life and death, and it's a matter of heaven and hell."

Written by Luke Gronneberg  
Sidney Daily News

## Five Good Reasons for Christian Education Series

### Reason # 4

#### Future

One of the key areas for students in Christian Education settings is not only knowing how to live but to also know how to live and work with integrity for a lifetime. Honesty, a good work ethic, discipline etc. are key Biblical components of a Christian Education. So often we will be judged by what we do in life and not just by what we say. James wrote in chapter 2:18b "show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." Making a living in life is important but more importantly is to learn to live a life with integrity.

Blessings,

*Mr. Dray*



## Spring Concert to be Held on **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** CAS Goes to Hollywood

Our Spring Concert will be held **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm**. All students need to be checked in and seated in the bleachers by 6:15pm. You will enjoy performances from our band, orchestra, youth choir, and performance arts as they take the stage for a night of music and entertainment. Our "Hollywood" theme means students should come dressed fancy and red carpet ready, just like they are attending a movie premiere!

The doors will open at 5:45pm for families to come in, get a seat, and enjoy our **Red Carpet Photo Shoot** for family pictures or individual student photos. We are also giving a special prize to the student or family of students who brings the largest crowd to the concert. So, invite your friends, family, neighbors, and don't forget to spread the word to your church family as well.

### CAS Staff Appreciation Week!

**NEXT WEEK** is CAS Staff Appreciation Week at Christian Academy. We are blessed with tremendously caring and intelligent staff. In addition to the academic instruction, spiritual guidance, and life's lessons they provide to our children, they have a heart of service. **You and your family are welcome to show your love and appreciation through cards, flowers, snacks, etc. Use your creativity!** Just let them know they are appreciated.

### Civil War Day

Next **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, the CAS 8<sup>th</sup> graders will join other 8<sup>th</sup> graders from all over Shelby County at the Fairgrounds. There they will witness a Navy demonstration, learn what a Civil War camp was like, and have the opportunity to play the game of cricket. They will also hear presentations from General Grant, Sojourner Truth, Jefferson Davis, and Abraham Lincoln. This event will be from **8:30am-2:30pm**. **Students will also need a sack lunch.**



### Praise Walk Fun Activities **NEXT WEEK**

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Middle School & High School  
Belmar Bowling Lanes  
Morning until after lunch

Lunch will be pizza and soda provided by CAS while at Belmar Bowling Lanes  
Walking around a designated area with fun activities @ **1pm**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 3, 4 & 5  
Marmon Valley Farm

**Students will need to bring a packed lunch in a disposable container**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

PreK thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will walk from **10am-11am**  
. Grades 3 thru 5 will be walking from **10:40am-11:40am**  
They will be walking around CAS while enjoying fun activities

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grades  
Marmon Valley Farm

**Students will need to bring a packed lunch in a disposable container**

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### Library Books are Due...

- ↪ The 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade student's library books is due on **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.
- ↪ The kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade student's library books is due on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- ↪ No library books can be checked out beginning **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** for the 2025-2026 school year.

### Comic Book Artist Shirts Available to Order

If you participated in the play or volunteered in April t-shirts are available to order. The colors are yellow or blue with different Comic Book Artist pictures and on the back are student's names who participated. If you would like to order a t-shirt contact Mrs. Purple for an order form to be sent home with your child. **The form and money are due by NEXT Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### Reader's Choice Awards "Best of the Best"

The Reader's Choice voting will begin on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6am** and ends on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at midnight**. First place winners in each category who place an ad in our Reader's Choice Awards Magazine receive a plaque and extra Reader's Choice Awards Magazines and window clings. Second and third place winners in each category receive window clings and extra magazines since they would still be in the top 3 winners. Vote for Christian Academy Schools.

### National Day of Prayer "Prayer Walk"

Bring your friends and family as we join in UNITY to pray for our nation and community on **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. The evening will begin at **4:30pm** by meeting at the Sidney First Presbyterian Church, 202 N. Miami. There will be live worship with the Sidney First Church of the Nazarene Worship Band. The Prayer Walk will begin at **5:30pm**. The walk will begin at the Sidney First Presbyterian Church and then walk around the square. CAS would love for as many of our parents and students to attend. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be moved inside

### Verse of the Week

*"Without wood, fire goes out; without a gossip, conflict dies down."* Proverbs 26:20

Here's why: Gossip is Destructive: Gossip can really hurt others, and it can cause situations to get blown out of proportion. It's so destructive, that today's Bible verse likens it to wood in a fire. So, if you find it easy to gossip, decide today to make the changes necessary to stop the habit. Maybe you need to hang around with some different friends that don't tempt you to gossip. Finally, ask God to show you any adjustments you can make to stop the habit of gossip and begin speaking well about others. Choose to believe the best in others and speak words of life over them. [www.studentdevos.com](http://www.studentdevos.com)

### Praise Walk Participation as of Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Preschool: 100%	Kindergarten: 93%	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 72%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 90%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 83%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 94%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 83%	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 93%	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 33%	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 88%	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 87%	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 80%
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 100%	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 100%	Staff: 67%			

### Total Donations as of Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**\$55,182**  
**Our Goal is \$70,000**



Please join our Graduation Celebration

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

*We've grown together... Spiritually, physically, intellectually.*

*We've prayed, we've laughed, we've loved, we've cried.*

*Through it all we became a family, as we grew in the Lord.*

*We know graduation may seem like an ending, but to us it's just a new beginning.*

2025-2026 CHESS CLUB



Congratulations to a job well done!



The winners at the Chess Club tournament were 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Ezra Kirkpatrick grade 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Dane Fisher grade 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) Ben Miller grade 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) Alex Keller grade 9, 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Josh Martin (grade 8).



5<sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduation

High School Economics Entrepreneurial Market

Students & Staff Enjoyed Buying the Specialties on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>



Money Raised will go Towards the 2027 Senior Trip





Congratulations to the "A" and "A/B"  
Elementary Honor Roll Students!



Marc Eckel begins his painting and visits a high school classroom.



High School Chapel Presentation by Marc Eckel



Marc Eckel's Presentation during Elementary Chapel