# Christian Academy Schools
# Eagle Vision

October 23, 2026

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

## Spiritual Blessings Down on the Farm

This past week our CAS Middle and High School students and staff had the blessing of experiencing our Spiritual Emphasis Days at the nearby VanDeMark Farm. Our days there daily included great Biblical challenges from Sean Patrick of Finish Line Ministries, uplifting praise and worship music by Zach and Emily Ihle, lots of great activities and team competition with our students and staff, and a lot of great food. The Lord blessed and worked mightily on those beautiful sunny days and many of our students made memorable decisions for the Lord that we trust will be of great help in the years ahead. Thanks for your prayers for our students and staff as we move forward in this 26-27 school year.

Blessings,
*Dick Dray*




















## Parent Teacher Conferences Next Week

## Due to Conferences there will be ***NO AFTERCARE*** on Tuesday, October 27th

**MS/HS Conferences** will be held on **Monday, October 26th from 9am – 3pm**. Teachers will call to schedule an appointment if your child has a grade of 70 or below. Parents are welcome to stop by between **9am – 3pm** also. There is also parent teacher conferences being held on **Tuesday, October 27th** byappointment ONLY Contact Mrs. Purple if you would like to schedule an appointment.

**Elementary Conferences are being Monday, October 26th** and **Tuesday, October 27th** from **4:30pm – 7pm** Elementary teachers are contacting parents to schedule an appointment.

## Americanism Test for Grades 9 – 12

On **Tuesday, October 27th** in the morning students in grades 9-12 will be taking the Americanism test. The Americanism Test in Sidney, Ohio, refers to the American Legion Department of Ohio Americanism and Government Test. This is a statewide civics and history competition for high school students. The test will cover the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, flag etiquette, federal/state/county/city/school governments, and general Americanism. Please pray for our students as they participate in this event.

## College Trips to Ohio Christian & Grace College

On **Thursday, October 29th** selected students who requested to go will be traveling to Ohio Christian University. The 11th & 12th grades who requested to go will be traveling to Grace College in Indiana on **Friday, November 13th**.

## Jostens is Coming for 9th & 12th Grades.

Jostens will meet with CAS freshman to talk about ordering their class rings. Jostens will also be meeting with our seniors to discuss ordering graduation announcements and their caps and gowns. The meeting is on **Tuesday, November 3rd** at **8:30am**.

## Picture Re-Takes Thursday, November 5th

Picture retakes will be held on **Thursday, November 5th**. If your student is absent, didn't buy portraits or want more, or a retake because you didn't like the first one, this is your chance. Make sure your child brings in the ones from **September 17th** if you didn't like the ones you ordered. Contact Mrs. Purple for an order form if your child is getting a retake and you would like to buy them.

## High School Students to Travel to the Ark Encounter for a College Fair

On **Friday, November 6th** all high school students will be spending the day at the Ark Encounter. They will return at approximately 5pm for parents to pick them up. There is no admittance fee. Students are to bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Leading Christian colleges and universities will be at the Ark Encounter for Creation College Expo 2026. This exciting event allows high school students to visit one-on-one with representatives from Christian institutions across the country who hold to biblical authority and young-earth creation.

## CAS Holding a Canned Food Drive

CAS preschool through high school classes will be participating in the "Turkey Trot" Canned Food Drive. Students and staff can start bringing in their canned food from **Monday, November 2nd** through **Wednesday, November 18th**. The students are to take their canned food to their homeroom. The cans will help our local food pantries in Shelby County. The winning class in elementary, middle school and high school will receive an ice cream party.

## Thank You from Finishline Ministries

This fall, our entire student body participated in the clothing drive for Finishline Ministries International. Finishline Ministries is a missions ministry based in Columbus, Ohio. They have churches in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe.

Every year Finishline does a clothing drive where they ship approximately 26,000 pounds of clothes over to Malawi Africa to be distributed among the over 500 churches that belong to its ministry. Our student body sent over 70 bags of clothing to help with the drive. Thank you for supporting the clothing drive!









## Students Learn About Fire Safety

On Monday, October 19th Lt. Chance Guisinger and Fireman Ricardo Lenhart were at Christian Academy to teach the elementary students about fire safety.

The students were able to practice stop, drop, and roll, how to make an emergency call to 911, and practice their addresses and phone numbers. The students learned about fire safety while having a lot of fun.

## Invest Your Tax Dollars into a Christian Education

Your Ohio Christian Network (OCEN) Scholarship Grant Organization donation can be claimed when you file your Ohio taxes. Gifts made before the filing deadline of April 15th can be applied to the previous year's taxes owed. Learn more at OCEN.org Scholarship applications will be open for next school year (27-28) beginning in **January 2027** until **June 1, 2027**. Visit OCEN.org to apply. Awards will be based on financial need.

## Halloween Celebration Policy

Christian Academy Schools respects the right of parents to celebrate the holidays of Halloween, Christmas, and Easter with their families as they wish. Within the school program, however, the following principles will serve as our guidelines:

Christian Academy Schools emphasizes a harvest theme.The traditional Halloween themes and symbols, including witches, monsters, ghosts, death, superstition, and fear; will be de-emphasized. In general, smiling pumpkins, stalks of wheat, displays of produce, and the like are acceptable harvest symbols. (Duet. 8:10 & 11, Psalms 104, 1 John 4:18, 1 John 1:5-7)

## Verse of the Week

*"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."* Exodus 6:1

As a teen, you face school stress, shifting friendships, family conflict, and choices that feel huge. You may feel like no matter what you do, you're always making mistakes. Exodus 6:1 says otherwise. God is not surprised by your struggles, and He does not abandon you when plans stall. Sometimes the next step is waiting for God's timing; sometimes it's obeying despite fear. Today, challenge yourself to pray honestly—tell God your frustration and ask for courage.

## The Weather is Changing!

The weather is getting cooler, ***please bring a jacket for your child***. Students will be going outside for recess and enjoying the fall weather. Please, write your child's name on the label of their coats and jackets just in case they misplace their jacket.





Serving at Agape Distribution Center



Fall Sports Banquet 2026
Thursday, October 22nd

## Indiana Pacers' Arena

Our Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams will take the court at the Indiana Pacers' arena on **Monday, November 23rd** as they face East Dayton! Want to watch the Eagles play on the Pacers' court? You can purchase a ticket to watch our Eagles that afternoon AND stay to watch the Pacers take on the Thunder that evening! One ticket gets you into BOTH games! Varsity athletes participating in the Eagles game will also need to purchase a ticket. **All tickets MUST be purchased** by **TOMORROW, October 24th**. Contact Kayla Zimmerman for more information at kayla.zimmerman@caseagles.org.

## Winter Sports Parent Meeting

A "Winter Sports" Parent meeting is happening on **Thursday, October 29th** at **6pm**. This meeting is **mandatory** for any parents whose 5th thru 12th graders are planning to play basketball this upcoming winter season.

## Basketball Practices to Begin Soon

Mandatory practices for basketball for all ages will begin on **Monday, November 2nd**. Contact Mrs. Zimmerman at kayla.zimmerman@caseagles.org if you have any questions.



## OVCC CAS All-Stars

| Volleyball | Soccer |
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| Serenity Abbott – 1st team | Ian Lotz – 1st team |
| Kelsi Hiler – 1st team | Cullen Rogers – 2nd team |
| Saryah Abbott – 2nd team | Jordan Graham – 2nd team |
| Mackenzie Graham – 2nd team | |
| Payton Stone – 2nd team | |

**What is OVCC?** The **Ohio Valley Christian Conference (OVCC) All-Star Program** recognizes top student-athletes from member Christian high schools and junior highs across the region Coaches in the conference nominate and vote for standout players based on their performance, teamwork, and dedication during the regular season. The students above were picked by other coaches and named league All Stars. Congratulations!

## All-Star Game!!

The CAS All-Stars consisting of Serenity Abbott, Kelsi Hiler, Saryah Abbott, Mackenzie Graham, Payton Stone, Ian Lotz, Cullen Rogers and Jordan Graham will be playing in the league All Star Game on **Monday, November 2nd** at Spring Valley. The All-Star soccer game will begin at **4:30pm** followed by awards at **6pm**. The All-Star Volleyball game will begin at **6:30pm**.










Yardwork at the Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County