



# Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Dear Southwest Family~

Another Christmas is here, and once again I am so thankful that God has this particular body together for such a time as this. Although this Christmas might be quite different than Christmases in the past, one thing is not: Good news of great joy will be for all people--Jesus Christ the Savior (Luke 2:10 AMC version!). It is my prayer at this special time of year that you will once again know how thankful I am for your decision to make an eternal investment by placing your child in Christian education at Christian Academy. That is never taken lightly—bless each and every one of you for seeking first His kingdom.

This Christmas may you read once again the Christmas story and reflect upon it. The Lord always draws me in on verse 38 of Luke chapter 1. Mary answered, “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said.” We are the Lord’s servants and may we see the impossible possible because God’s Holy Spirit is in us. He calls us to do His will and His ways in everyday life circumstances: home, church, school, grocery shopping, driving, and just doing life. May the obedience modeled in Mary continue to be a reflection in our lives each and every day. So, my sweet Southwest family, enjoy Christ this Christmas.

Blessings and love~

Mrs. Carson  
(Mrs. C—an ordinary Joe serving an extraordinary GOD ) 😊

**No School**

**December 19 - January 1**

**Have a blessed and safe Christmas break!**

## January

- 1/2 Back to school for Second Semester!  
Parent Prayer Group 8:20am  
Chess Club 3:30-4:15pm
- 1/4 Reports cards go home
- 1/5 American Heritage Girls 6pm  
CAL-SW @ St. Johns Lutheran School (IN) 6pm
- 1/6 First FCA Huddle Meeting 3:30-4:30pm (Chapel)
- 1/9 Parent Prayer Group 8:20am  
Chess Club 3:30-4:15pm  
CAL-SW vs. Portland Christian 6pm
- 1/12 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm
- 1/13 Spirit Wear Dress Down Day \$2 (CAL spirit shirts and appropriate-fitting jeans)
- 1/16 No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)  
Preschool will be in session!
- 1/19 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm  
American Heritage Girls 6pm
- 1/23 100th Day of School Celebration  
Parent Prayer Group 8:20am  
Chess Club 3:30-4:15pm
- 1/24 CAL-SW vs. Our Savior Lutheran 6pm
- 1/26 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm  
CAL-SW vs. West End School 6pm
- 1/27 Spirit Wear Dress Down Day \$2 (CAL spirit shirts and appropriate-fitting jeans)
- 1/30 Parent Prayer Group 8:20am  
Chess Club 3:30-4:15pm  
CAL-SW vs. St. Johns Lutheran 6pm

## Speech Therapy Now Available at CAL-SW

Speech Language Therapy is now available at the Southwest campus once weekly. Parents may request a speech screening for \$20. Screenings are available for preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The speech therapist will conduct screenings and share her findings with parents. Students who qualify for speech therapy may receive weekly services at a contract price of \$20 for each half hour session. The speech therapist will be at the Southwest campus on Thursdays. If you are interested in this program, please contact our Academic Service Teacher, Karen Hodge at [khodge@caschools.us](mailto:khodge@caschools.us) for more information.

## Change for Change



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> service project for this year will be called Change for Change, and will be for a family that holds a special place in our hearts here at Christian Academy Southwest. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and children are serving in South Asia to start churches for the glory of God. Mrs. Jackson taught here for 4 years. She began as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and then was our Art teacher for 3 additional years. While in South Asia, they primarily will be planting churches among people groups who have not heard the Gospel. Mr. Jackson is going to be training South Asian Christians how to share the gospel with others, how to disciple new believers, and how to plant reproducible churches, while learning the people's heart language. Mrs. Jackson will primarily be making relationships with South Asian women in the community while taking care of their 2 girls and also learning the language.

Our campus wants to support this calling and share in our "Loving God" theme by praying, investing and giving (PIG) to this family. Since Christmas is a celebration of God's greatest gift, and we want to teach our students to give, we will provide every student in grades K-8 with a PIG that will remind us that we need to Pray, Invest and Give in order to help share God's love.

**Pray**--Please be in prayer for this family as they transition to their new home, new culture and new calling. Pray that God's word will be received and change people in South Asia.

**Invest**--Please do not supply the money for your child's PIG, but pray with them and provide opportunities for them to invest by providing extra chores or ways to earn money. Little is much in God's kingdom because nothing is impossible with God. (Send in stories too!)

**Give**--Encourage them to give. Later in the year we will also host a used book sale (start setting aside gently used, but in good condition books) and all proceeds will go to this family as well. The first chapel in May we will collect the "Change for Change" PIGs. So please focus on Christ during this season and share in the opportunity to give to others.

Romans 10 verses 13-15 says-- *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*



Thank you to Beacon Community Credit Union! They graciously donated pig banks for our 2<sup>nd</sup> service project this year: Change for Change. Beacon would like Christian Academy families to know the following:

*With our Dollar\$ for Scholars program, we will pay you \$1 for every A+, A or O grade you receive on your report card! Simply come to Beacon Community Credit Union to open your 'Kids Account' and present your report card to BCCU. We will deposit the money directly into your account. Study hard, get good grades, and get paid for it! Sounds like a good plan to me.*

*Visit the main office at 7910 National Turnpike to open your child's account today. Hey parents, you can join too! Beacon will keep a copy of the report card. Please bring report card to BCCU within 10 days of receiving it. Grade rewards will end with the completion of 12th grade.*

### Thinking Ahead...

**In May, there is going to be a Used Book Sale. The proceeds from this sale will be used to benefit the Change for Change service project. If you plan on getting rid of old books to make way for new books, please consider donating your used books for the project. Books can be dropped off at the Library any time. Please attach a note stating that the books are for the Used Book Sale. Thank you in advance for your donation to make a difference in a church plant where people will hear the good news in South Asia.**



## SW's First FCA 'Huddle'

**All Middle School students are invited to join FCA, and you don't have to be an athlete to participate!**

**Our first meeting will be on Friday, January 6 from 3:30-4:30pm in the Chapel. We will meet on the first Friday of every month. Join us for guest speakers, games, and other fun events! Please see Mr. Deaton or Mr. Rickmond for more details.**

**You must have a ride home to attend!!**

**The FCA Mission – To present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.**

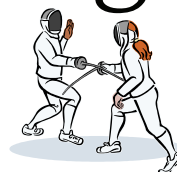


**The Chess Team  
has won  
East District  
JCPS!**

**Congratulations to Trey,  
Nathan, Jacob, Gerald,  
Pierce, Clara, and John!**

**The team will be competing  
in the County Tournament in  
January.**

## Fencing Club



CAL's first session for the Fencing Club ended on December 15. Please contact Christy Thompson if your child would like to continue in the second session (\$160 per child).

**THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR NEW K-8 FENCERS!**  
If your child would like to join the fencing club in January, the cost is \$190 per child (includes uniform fee).

*All new and returning fencers must submit a new waiver.  
The deadline to sign up is January 9, 2012.*

Please contact Christy Thompson for a waiver and with any other questions at [cthompson2205@gmail.com](mailto:cthompson2205@gmail.com)

## Teacher Feature!

*Our featured teacher is Mrs. Cockerill, who teaches 7th grade Literature and Language Arts. She is a native of Louisville and received her BA in Elementary Education from Cumberland College and a master's degree in School Counseling from the University of Louisville. She is a proud mom of four children: Zachary, Andrew, Mattingly, and Nora. Mrs. Cockerill doesn't have any pets - she said that four kids are enough! In her spare time, she enjoys reading and finding great deals. Thank you, Mrs. Cockerill, for your service and dedication to our middle school students!*





## CAL-SW MS Basketball Schedule

**2011-2012**  
(Remaining Games)

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 5	@ St. Johns Lutheran School (IN)	6:00
Jan. 9	<b>PORTLAND CHRISTIAN</b>	6:00
Jan. 24	<b>OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN</b>	6:00
Jan. 26	<b>WEST END SCHOOL</b>	6:00
Jan. 30	<b>ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN</b>	6:00

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### **SKATING PARTY FOR PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE** **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 6:30-8:30 PM** **PRP SKATE ZONE**

The cost is \$2.00 to skate, plus \$1.00 for skate rental.

Bring your family and friends! This will be the last skating party for the year!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter \$12,010.01 Loaded (School Profit \$480.40)**

**Top 3 families: Looney, Perkins, & Harrod**

**Winner of the \$50 Kroger Gift Card: The Looney Family**



Keep loading your Kroger cards and you could win a gift card next quarter! Please contact the PTO if you would like to buy additional cards for your family and friends. [PTOSW@caschools.us](mailto:PTOSW@caschools.us)

We would like to thank the following families for using their Kroger cards—Alberhasky, Burton, Carson, Cox, Curtis, Denton, Derringer, Paula Evans, Kim Evans, Florence, Goodman, Harrod, Johns, Kelly, Killion, Kiper, Lancaster, Looney, McNear, Myers, Perkins, Rhodes, Sahibi, Silvano, Thompson, and Thornton!

### PTO NEWS

The next Box Top Deadline will be March 9, 2012. Check those boxes and bags and Clip for CAL! The second quarter individual and class winners will be announced the first week back to school.

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Mother & Son Bowling
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Luncheon
- March 20<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting & Ice Cream Social
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Father & Daughter Dance

Contact us at [ptosw@caschools.us](mailto:ptosw@caschools.us) for more information or to volunteer!

*May the joy, peace and love of Christmas fill your hearts and homes this holiday season.  
Christmas Blessings from your PTO*