



Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints

AUGUST 19, 2011

Southwest family -

Isn't the LORD good?! This school year has started off wonderfully. Now that does not mean my children wake up with a smile on their face at 6:30 in the morning or make statements like, "School is the best thing ever!" However, God is good in that we have a place that our children can come and learn God's truths. A place where teachers are called to serve students. A place where coming to school means getting the best academic curriculum with a Biblical worldview. We aren't perfect, but we are certainly passionate about who we are and whose we are.

Thank you to parents, families, PTO greeters, 5th grade carpool helpers, MS student helpers, and the awesome faculty and staff. The body of Christ is evident in this place. Please praise God for these blessings. Continue to be patient in carpool. Remember that early dismissals are only for appointments and it is helpful if you send in a note to the teacher.

As the newness of school begins to wear off, continue to reinforce a routine at home for your students. Keep a focus and continue to work together.

There is a great deal of information to read this time around, so enjoy. The ATA will keep you informed of events, activities, and ways to support the school. Thank you.

Serving HIM~

Mrs. Carson

August

- 8/19 Girls Volleyball vs. Portland Christian 5pm
- 8/20 Girls Volleyball @ Whitefield Academy 3pm & 4:30pm
- 8/22 Parent Prayer Group 8:30am
Chess Club 3:30pm
- 8/23 Girls Volleyball vs. Little Flock 5:30pm
- 8/25 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm
Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30pm
- 8/27 Girls Volleyball @ Whitefield Academy 9:15am & 10am
- 8/29 Parent Prayer Group 8:30am
Chess Club 3:30pm

September

- 9/1 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm
Girls Volleyball @ OSL 5pm
American Heritage Girls 6-7pm
Cub Scout Sign-ups 6:30pm
- 9/2 No School!
- 9/5 No School (Labor Day)!
- 9/6 Girls Volleyball @ Portland Christian 5pm
- 9/8 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm
Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30pm
- 9/10 Girls Volleyball @ Whitefield Academy 1:15pm & 2pm
- 9/12 Parent Prayer Group 8:30am
Chess Club 3:30pm
Girls Volleyball Team B vs. C. A. Madison 5pm
- 9/15 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm
American Heritage Girls 6-7pm
- 9/17 Girls Volleyball @ Whitefield Academy 4:30pm & 5:15pm
- 9/19 Parent Prayer Group 8:30am
Chess Club 3:30pm
- 9/20 PTO Skating Party 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 9/21 EL/MS Conference Day—No School for students!
- 9/22 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm
Girls Volleyball @ Little Flock 5:30pm
Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30pm
- 9/26 Parent Prayer Group 8:30am
Chess Club 3:30pm
- 9/27 Girls Volleyball vs. OSL 5pm
- 9/29 Fencing Club 3:30-4:30pm



Come join our Parent Prayer Group on Monday mornings at 8:15am in the library!

Welcome!

Please welcome Mrs. Hodge as the new Academic Support teacher! She grew up in Aiken, SC. She and her family recently moved here from Bloomington, IL.



swimming.

Mrs. Hodge is the mother of 2 boys, 13 & 16, who attend CAL-ES. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Special Education from Clemson University. She obtained an MED in Administration from University of South Carolina. Mrs. Hodge enjoys hiking, reading and

We are so excited to welcome to Mrs. Richter as the new art teacher for K-8th grade! She grew up in Southeast Missouri and was home-schooled by her father, who is a pastor at a small church in Missouri. She attended Southeast Missouri State University, where she received a Bachelor's of Science in Education with an emphasis in Art Education, K-12. She is married to her college sweetheart and lives in Southwest Louisville. Mrs. Richter has started a small studio in her garage, where she hopes to continue making her own art in her spare time. Her three favorite forms of art right now are printmaking (she even has a printing press!), sculpture from recycled material and "wearable art," a fusion of art and fashion. She loves to travel, play the violin, cuddle with her two kitty cats and sing in her church choir.



Saints and Snowflakes

We are excited to announce that we will be having our Craft Fair and Family Festival this year on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 10AM – 2PM. Our theme this year is "Saints and Snowflakes." November is just around the corner so we need many volunteers in order to make this family festival a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know as soon as possible. We are specifically looking for someone who could make giant snowflakes to hang from the ceiling, preferably out of plywood, as well as large signs. There will be more information soon to come. We have exciting activities planned including many vendors with crafts and gifts for early Christmas shopping, a cake walk, silent auction, face painting, concessions, games, bake sale and uniform resale. We need great people like you to make this a huge success. Also if you are interested in having a booth at the craft fair, please let us know. Please reach out to Lisa Johns at lisa.johns@gentiva.com or call 502-681-2686 or tarasahibi@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great summer and we are looking forward to working with you to develop your children in their spiritual growth. Our theme for chapel this year is "Loving God." You can see our themes and the verses associated with them in the new expanded chapel (come check it out!).

This year we are going to encourage the children to serve their ministers again through Pastor Appreciation Day on October 26. Information letters have been sent home with the children concerning their pastor's information (due date Aug 26). The children will end up writing a letter to their pastor/minister inviting them to come and be blessed at our special day to honor them and the work God does through them. Thanks for helping us make this service project a success.

If possible, we would love to have more gift card donations for our chapel speakers. Many of you contributed and the speakers really appreciated them. \$5 gift cards to Starbucks, Target, Walmart, McDonalds, etc. are greatly appreciated as a "thank you" to our speakers for their sacrifice in coming and ministering to our students.

Thanks for your prayers and support! Remember how he first loved us (1 John 4:19)!

Sincerely in Christ,

Heath S. Rickmond
Kristi Stivers

Volleyball

The B team won both their games Saturday against Cornerstone Christian Academy and Meredith Dunn! The A team beat Highlands Latin! Both teams play Portland Christian at CAL Friday night at 5 & 6pm.



Congratulations to

Judy Birkhead—mom of Jacob Bare!

\$50 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card winner from the PTO drawing during Back to School Night!!

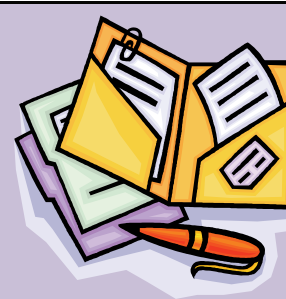


Look for your reloadable Kroger Card next week.

Remember to load and use your Kroger card

EVERY time you shop for groceries, gas, flowers, gift cards and more. Every time you reload your card, you are helping more than 200 CAL-SW students. If you'd like to purchase additional Kroger cards (just \$5 each) for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, family members & friends, contact JanetKelly@insightbb.com

The three families who load the highest dollar amount will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Kroger Gift Card from the PTO. First drawing will be Oct 13th.



Did you turn in your PTO Membership form and Directory form? It's not too late! Send in your forms to your classroom teacher no later than Aug 26th to be included in the PTO directory



Mark your calendar!

Tuesday, Sept 20th

6:30 – 8:30pm

PRP Skate Zone

\$2 entry, \$1 skate rental

Door prizes



the difference
I can make.

Look for an announcement next week for our first box top class winners! New this year, we will award the class with the most box tops turned in with a special class treat. A special treat will also be given to the student in each class who turns in the most box tops. Next turn in date is October 14th. Visit www.btfe.com for more ideas on products and online shopping specials.

If you did not get your Gordon Food Service fundraiser card, it is not too late—simply stop by your neighborhood GFS to sign up and support CAL-SW!

Morning Carpool!

Reminder—please do not park in the carpool line. The morning greeters will assist your child while getting out of the car, if needed. For their safety, please have the children exit the vehicle on the passengers side onto the curb.

Greeters Still Needed! If you can spare 40 minutes one morning or more, our students would love to see you!

Contact Andy Evans @ raevans78@hotmail.com