

the Knight's Herald



Junior/Senior Carnival

Save the date for the annual Jr/Sr Carnival!

This year's Carnival will be on Friday night, September 20, from 5:30-8:00. Make plans to attend. The Juniors and Seniors will be putting out information flyers in the coming days. Below are some pictures from previous carnivals. Specific games/events in the photos may or may not be present at this year's event.



Homecoming Week

Pencil in October 3-4-5 on your calendars for CCA Homecoming!

- Spirit Week
- School-wide pep rally with Powder Puff football game
- Home Soccer Games
- Home Volleyball Tmt
- Fun Run
- SH Homecoming Dance

Watch for more details to come!

Kelli Wright joins CCA Staff

My name is Kelli Wright and I teach Jr High and High school art at CCA. I have been teaching in different capacities for 15 years including art. I have taken 10 years of art lessons and various college level art classes as well as judged at some art competitions. My goal is to see growth in my students, not only in the subjects I teach, but also in their character. I am also a group fitness instructor and teach weight lifting classes and HIIT classes. Fun fact about me: I lived on a missionary ship for 2 1/2 years and worked with people from all over the world visiting 30 countries.



JH Welcomes Erin Stack

My name is Erin Stack and I teach Junior High Math, Geometry, and Consumer Math at CCA! I received both my undergraduate degree and Master's degree in Education from Illinois State University. Previous to this, I've taught for six years, including 7th and 8th grade science, math interventions, and Language Arts. I have also taught math to Adult Education students working toward earning their GEDs! My main goals for this school year are to illustrate God's detailed design through math to students, and teach in a way that all students can be excited for math! Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and kids, traveling, and camping. This summer we traveled to Maine and visited Acadia National Park for the first time!



Former CCA Student Returns as Spanish Teacher

My name is Kayley (Henderson) Martin and I teach Elementary and Junior High Spanish at CCA. Growing up, I also attended the Academy! I went on to earn my degree at ISU in Bilingual/Bicultural Education along with a Master's in Reading. For the past 7 years, I have had the pleasure of working with 3rd grade bilingual students at Bent Elementary in Bloomington District 87. My goal in teaching is that all students have a love for languages and feel confident to converse with others in Spanish.

This past summer, I gave birth to my first child, Kincaid James. My husband, Alex, and I are over the moon about him. When I'm not changing a diaper, I love to read, visit new places, and organize/declutter spaces.



I look forward to getting to know you and your children!

Things to Know

Sickness

Please call the school office (309) 452-7912 to report a sick child. If calling before 7:55, please leave a message. You may also email Jennifer McCoskey at jennifer.mccoskey@ccanormal.org. If you need to speak to the homeroom teacher, feel free to contact them, but please also report the absence to the main office staff.

Labor Day

There will be no school next Monday.

Friday, September 6

Next Friday will be a busy day.

- Grades 3-5 will be at the Central Illinois Holiness Camp for their annual Camp Day.
- The JH will be going to the Kruger Farm for their annual Square Dance.

PTO Meeting

The first PTO meeting will be on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 pm in the Welcome Center.

School Pictures

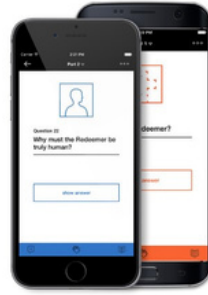
School yearbook pictures will take place on September 11. Fall sports teams will also have team photos taken. Both the individual pictures and team photos will be used for the yearbook.

New City Catechism

The New City Catechism is a modern-day resource aimed at helping children and adults alike learn the core doctrines of the Christian faith via 52 questions and answers.

Students and teachers will be utilizing these questions in various ways. The Morning Announcements introduces the current question, homeroom teachers will discuss the doctrine within the question, and many Bible teachers will utilize the thought within their weekly classes. Last year, the first 17 question were studied--this year, we are continuing by starting with Question 18.

Download the App--we use the "Children's Mode" for the text. The current question will also be listed in the Newsletter for you.



Question 18

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

Answer: No, God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them both in this life, and in the life to come.

Start of the Year Notes

RenWeb

RenWeb is the name of the School Information System used at CCA. If you have not been able to establish your Parent account yet, please do so. If you need assistance, please contact the school office. On RenWeb, you will find:

- Classroom assignments
- Lunch account information
 - Menus
 - Order history
 - Account balance
- Student grades
- Resources (such as the Parent-Student Handbook)
- and much more!

Lunch Accounts

While no child will ever be allowed to go hungry, families are requested to have funds on lunch accounts to cover daily orders. When an account balance falls below zero, a reminder will be auto-generated from RenWeb.

Athletic Scheduler

Earlier this month, our athletic department began a move from RSchool to a new sports schedule system. The switch to the new system, Snap Mobile, is currently ongoing and we appreciate your patience while our AD works through the update.

WWW.CCANORMAL.ORG

Please use our website to find the following resources:

- Access to PayTrace--pay portal for lunch, tuition, and other events
- Resources--supply lists, medical/immunization forms
- Archived Newsletters
- Discipleship Videos

CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LIBRARY

Next week we will begin book checkout for students who have returned their signed covenants! Thanks for turning those in to us.

I spent the summer reading about reading and about childhood anxiety and ways to help our kiddos (and cataloging a LOT of books). I was so impacted by this reading, that I will lend these books to any interested parents to read! Please send me an email, and I will send home any of these resources Kelly.graebler@ccanormal.org.

Our teachers are brilliant at reading aloud in their classrooms. Your dinner-time, bedtime, curl-up-on-the-couch-time read alouds at home are an even greater key to your children's scholastic success! Thanks for letting us partner with you.

Some of these books will be lent with caveats regarding language or other issues which will share with interested parents.

Required Drill

On September 4, CCA will be holding the annual required Lockdown Drill at 9:15 am. Local police officers will be here to observe and evaluate our procedures. Our staff will take time during the drill to age-appropriately discuss what a lockdown is. Please take time near Sept. 4 to discuss this drill with your children so that they will not be caught off guard. Especially for our littlest ones, if you feel it best to not be here for the drill, it is okay to come in that day after the drill (approx 9:45). The guidelines we follow state that all students present must be involved in the drill. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dine to Donate

The first Dine to Donate event is coming up on September 12. Make plans to visit Portillo's on Landmark Drive between 11am-8pm. Portillo's will donate 20% of the sale to the Tuition Assistance Program at CCA. See the online code in the flyer below or show the flyer (digital version is okay) when ordering in the restaurant or drive thru. Get together with friends and have a fun time while supporting the CCA TA Fund.

A special thanks to Joy Swanson for coordinating all of our Dine to Donate events! These events will occur approximately monthly throughout the year and proceeds from all support the tuition assistance fund.

You're invited to a
Portillo's
FUNDRAISER

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
Calvary Christian Academy

When:
September 12, 2024
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:
202 Landmark Drive
Normal, IL

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS51** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

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For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS

Just my Thoughts

With our first Dine to Donate event just around the corner, I thought this would be a good time to repost the article explaining CCA's view on fundraising. We have many groups that will need to fundraise for different events/projects throughout the year. We never want anyone to feel pressure to give.

Senior Class--Junior Class--Dine to Donate--PTO--Food Bank--Student Council--Bake Sales--Snack Shack--and the list could go on and on. CCA does have many groups that from time to time do advertise fundraisers to our families. Please know that we do not expect everyone to be involved in each and every fundraiser that comes along. While there is an attempt to keep these fundraisers from hitting on top of each other, certain times of the year often feel saturated with pleas from every possible corner. I encourage each family to prayerfully consider what God would have them do and then feel confident following His lead in saying yes to some and no to others. No one from CCA is watching who donates and there is no expectation to do so. --Mr. Abney