# CATALYST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

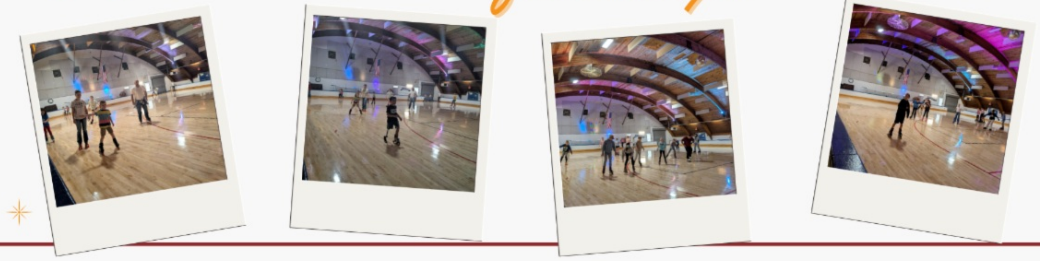
## Catalyst Connection

November 14, 2025

**Bible Verse of the week:** Colossians 3:17 – "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

## ROLLER SKATING PARTY

*Students rolled their way through a fantastic day of fun and fellowship.*



## Catalyst Used Uniform Sale!

Pre-owned uniforms, along with MS gym clothes (both new and used), will be available for purchase in the corridor during the Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 24th and 25th.

## Weekly Prayer Guide

***Join us in praying for our Catalyst family***

Kate Henderson (Teacher)
Ben & Mim Herr (Teacher)
Jamie & JoAnna Hess
Jonathan Hibshman
Joseph & Janetta Hibshman
Cody & Jodi Hoover

In December, our Five-Day Kindergarten class will have the wonderful opportunity to serve at the **Mission Food Pantry**, a ministry that provides food to families in need. The Mission Food Pantry serves approximately **1,600 families** each month.To support the Mission Food Pantry, our school will also be holding a Food Drive throughout the **month of November.** Starting today, we invite all students and families to bring non-perishable food items to help restock our pantry shelves. You may begin sending in donations anytime. Things they are in need of: canned vegetables, canned chicken and tuna, canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter, mac n cheese, and pasta. **Items must be unopened and not expired**. Thanks so much for helping!

## Pizza: November 17

**Pizza Servers -** Lauren Swanson, Leah Robinson

## Hot Lunch: November 19

**Hot Lunch Menu:** *Ham Balls, Mashed Potato, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce, Pumpkin Bars*

**Servers:** Roxanne Martin, Katrina Martin, Brandi Sollenberger, Marcia Cassel, Donna Wisler

**Bakers:** (2 jelly roll pans, uncut): Katrina Martin, Judy Martin, Leatha Reiff, Danielle Smith, Annie Stoltzfus, Olga Akinin, Andrea Coulson, Nichole Ehst

## Fundraiser Friday: November 21

Cheeseburger, Chips, & Applesauce

## Chapel Schedule

November 19

**Special time of 1:15 PM**: Grades K-12 - Servant Stage is presenting **"A Christmas Carol"**

***All Welcome to Join***

## Parent Teacher Conferences 2025-26:

**If you wish to change your scheduled conference, please call the office!**

At Catalyst, we believe students thrive when home and school work together. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a meaningful way to build that partnership.

**Coming up Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th.**

## Thoughts from the Head of School

### Strengthening the Home-School Partnership through Conferences

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we're reminded of the blessings of partnership, community, and the special bonds that unite our families and staff here at Catalyst Christian School. Our upcoming parent-teacher conferences, November 24 & 25, offer a vital opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership that is foundational to Christian education. We're incredibly grateful for parents who work alongside our dedicated teachers, sharing insights, encouragement, and prayers as we seek to nurture each student's growth academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

This partnership is a reminder of the words in *Ecclesiastes 4:12*, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." We always look at those three cords as the home, the school, and the church…and together, with God at the center, we form a strong, enduring bond that sustains us in the mission of guiding young hearts and minds toward His purposes. As *Proverbs 22:6* encourages us, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Through our conversations, we walk this path in unison, supporting our students and glorifying God.

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us will pause to reflect on God's abundant gifts, including the precious time we have together. For some families, this season also brings the tradition of deer hunting, a time to appreciate God's creation and the beauty of the outdoors. For those venturing into the woods, we pray for safety, patience, and the joy of enjoying one of God's simpler blessings.

## For your Calendar

**November 19**
Special Capel
**A Christmas Carol** by Servant Stage at 1:15pm

**November 21**
Preschool Storytime 10-11am
**RSVP**

**November 24-25**
**NO SCHOOL**
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 26 - Dec. 1**
**NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving Vacation

**December 10**
4th & 5th Grade Christmas Musical - 1:15pm

**December 11**
4th & 5th Grade Christmas Musical - 7pm
(snow make-up date: Dec. 18)

**December 12**
**Early Dismissal 12:45pm**

**December 19**
Preschool Storytime 10-11am
**RSVP**

**December 23**
**Early Dismissal 12:45pm**
Free Denim Day (Red & Green)

**December 24 - Jan. 1**
**NO SCHOOL**
Christmas & New Year's Day Vacation

**January 2**
**No School**
(Teacher In-Service Day)

## -Transportation Change Reminder-

All changes to your child's regular transportation **require a "blue note."**

- **Submit by 12 PM the day of the change.**

And even as we express our gratitude, we look forward to the Christmas season just around the corner—a time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The joy of this season reminds us of God's greatest gift, and we look forward to the special ways we will celebrate His love here at Catalyst in the weeks to come.

Thank you, parents, for your dedication, time, and trust, and thank you to our teachers, who give so faithfully of themselves each day. May these conferences be fruitful, and may we continue to uplift each other in the spirit of gratitude, unity, and love.

Blessings, Mr. Garner

- **Morning changes?** Email bluenote@catalystschool.org. Include Student name, grade, teacher, date of change, detailed description of the change (e.g., "Sally will be a car rider picked up by Jane Doe instead of her regular bus").
- **Any change after 10 AM call the office: 717-626-9551.**

**Why this matters:** Last-minute changes affect multiple staff areas. Timely notes help us keep all students safe.

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# Sports Update

## Announcements from Mr. Sareyka:

- **Middle School Boys Spring Volleyball Coach Needed!**

Interested? Email Athletic Director **Grant Sareyka** for more information.

- Catalyst will host a fun 10-meter Christmas Cookie Archery Tournament for all current MS/HS archers and former LAMS/Catalyst archers in grades 5–12 on December 7. Register by November 28th. Catalyst Christmas Cookie Classic Details: HERE

| Looking Ahead - Upcoming Sports Events | |
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| **Monday, November 17th** | • **MS/HS Archery** Practice 3-5pm<br>• **MS Girls Basketball** Practice 3–4:30pm<br>• **MS Boys Basketball** Practice |

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| | (Parent meeting) 4:30–6pm<br>• **HS Girls Basketball** Practice 5–7pm |
| **Tuesday, November 18th** | • **HS Girls Basketball** practice 3-5pm<br>• **Middle School Girls Basketball** practice, 3:00-4:30 pm<br>• **Middle School Boys Basketball** practice, 4:30-6 pm |
| **Wednesday, November 19th** | • **HS Girls Basketball** Practice 3-5pm<br>• **MS/HS Archery** Practice, 3-5pm |
| **Thursday, November 20th** | • **HS Girls Basketball** practice 3-5pm<br>• **Middle School Girls Basketball** practice, 3:00-4:30 pm<br>• **Middle School Boys Basketball** practice, 4:30 - 6 pm<br>• **St. Jude Archery Shoot**, 6:30-7:30pm |
| **Friday, November 21st** | • **HS Girls Basketball** practice, 3-5pm<br>• **Middle School Girls Basketball** practice, 3:00-4:30 pm<br>• **Middle School Boys Basketball** practice, 4:30 - 6 pm |
| **Monday, November 17th** | • **MS Boys Basketbal**l Open Gym 4:30–6pm<br>• **HS Girls Basketball** Practice, 3–5pm |

**If you would like to add the athletic google calendar to your personal calendar you can click on this LINK**

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