# CATALYST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Catalyst Connection

December 5, 2025

**Bible Verse of the week:** Psalm 95:6 – "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker"

## Second Half of the Year Lunch and Drink Program!

If you previously signed up for half of the school year, or would like to add a program to your student's lunch - do so now before the **deadline of Friday, Dec. 12th** Sign up **HERE**

## Weekly Prayer Guide

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

Andrew & Regina Horst
Benjamin Horst
Nicholas & Hilary Horst
Sergey & Alina Hrishka
Jason & Michelle Hursh (Teacher)
Darwin & Krista Hurst

### We are excited to have the opportunity to serve your family in the 2026-27 school year!

Online enrollment is **now open** for the 2026-27 school year! As a current patron you are given enrollment priority. If your application is submitted or intentions stated by February 9, you will be guaranteed a spot.

Follow the directions below to apply for a **new Pre-K or Kindergarten student who is NOT already in Prek at Catalyst:**

> FACTS Family Portal (District code: Cat-PA. If you have forgotten your password, please click on the forgot password link. If you forget your username, please contact the office.)
> Apply/Enroll
> Application
> Create a New Student Application

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For any **CURRENT Pre-K student entering Kindergarten OR doing another year of Pre-K**, please **click here to access the Pre-K and Kindergarten Intent to Enroll Form**. Once you have informed us of your intentions, your child will be added to the list and officially have their spot secured. You will receive further information on the enrollment process in the coming months.

All other students who are entering grades 1-12 for the 2026-27 school year will remain enrolled. Please email Julie Nightingale at admissions@catalystschool.org by March 15 to inform her of any changes.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to admissions@catalystschool.org or call 717-626-9551.

## Pizza: December 8

**Pizza Servers -** Lauren Swanson & Jodi Hoover

## Hot Lunch: December 10

**Hot Lunch Menu:** *Beef BBQ, Tater Tots, Carrots with Ranch, Applesauce, and Blondie*

**Servers:** Violet Weitzel, Kari Martin, Ashley Martin, Stephanie Benedict, Judy Martin

**Bakers:** 2 9x13 uncut pans of Blondies: Krista Groff (x2), Cheryl Hurst, Lindsay Gabers (x2), Krista Hurst, Glennys Begani, Olga Akinin

## Fundraiser Friday: December 12

Hot Dog, Chips, & Applesauce

## Chapel Schedule

December 10

**Special Chapel at 1:15 pm:**

"Mystery of the Manger", presented by 4th & 5th Grade.

***All Welcome to Join***

## Red/Green + Denim Day coming up on December 23rd!

**Our day will start with caroling in Gym 1. Please encourage your student to wear a red or green shirt with the denim day guidelines:**

- All clothing shall be modest in all ways (necklines, lengths, non-clinging, no sheer, sleeveless, or shoulderless blouses). No tight-fitting pants or leggings will be permitted.
- K-8 girls may wear solid fabric color denim skirts that cover the knee, capris or jeans (no holes). No shorts of any kind.
- K-8 boys may wear solid fabric color denim jeans (no holes). No shorts.
- T-shirts may be worn BUT may not contain any offensive words or logos.

## A Message from the Catalyst Board and the PTF Committee

Dear Catalyst Christian School Families,

As we enter the Christmas season, we want to show our deep appreciation for our dedicated teachers and staff. Each year, the PTF collects a monetary Christmas gift from our families, which is then pooled and distributed to all staff based on hours worked. **Our goal this year is $35,000** , and all donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to participate, please send your gift in a sealed envelope marked **"Staff Gift"** to the school office by **Friday, December 12th**. Checks should be made payable to Catalyst Christian School, and a receipt will be provided. Taxes will be appropriately withheld before distribution.

This collection serves as the school-wide Christmas gift to our staff, so additional individual gifts are not expected. Thank you for helping us bless our teachers for the meaningful work they do each day.

**May the Lord richly bless you this Christmas season!**

**Are you looking for Christmas gifts to buy your children?**

PaperPie consultant, Erin Brubaker, has opened an online link for you to do just that! The link, available now, will remain open through our Grandparents' Day Book Sale in March. All rewards will benefit the Catalyst Library.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Erin at ebrubaker86@gmail.com

If you would like access the link go to:

**PAPER PIE EVENT**

# Thoughts from the **Head of School**

## The God of the Impossible... Revisted!

**I had written this article exactly 1 year ago…I revised it for today! *TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!***

I love the passage in Luke 1:37 which says… ***"For nothing will be impossible with God"*** This verse comes from the encounter Mary has with an angel concerning the announcement that she, a virgin, is going to have a baby…and not just any baby…she was told that "the child to be born will be called holy…the Son of God." The angel also let Mary know that not only she, a virgin, was going to have a baby but also her relative Elizabeth, who was old and barren, was also going to have a baby! **Talk about impossibilities!!!** You know how the story unfolds…Elizabeth gives birth to a son who will become John the Baptist, and Mary gives birth to a son who is called Jesus…the Son of God! Don't even try to figure it out…just believe…**our God IS THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!** We can read over and over in scripture how what man thought impossible was no big deal for our mighty Heavenly father!

I must say that here at Catalyst…**exactly 1 year ago**… we appeared to be faced with some things that only "the God of the impossible" could make possible! These are extremely exciting times here at our school. Our faithful Lord has continually been providing for the growth of our school for the last 48 years, and He again has provided for yet another growth project!

# For your Calendar

**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

The Board of Directors had worked diligently for 14 months on how to expand our current facility to provide needed educational space as well as bring some much needed renovations to our existing facility. Safety and security as well as the need to bring our building into the 21st century had been the focus. We now stand here at Catalyst Christian School…**12 months later**…with a brand new look on the exterior as well as the interior. Our students are enjoying the new educational spaces on the lower level as well as the new flexible space being used as the lunch room upstairs. Yes, we still have some work to finish up on the entrances, but good progress is being made! The goal of a brand new look to match our rebrand/rename, additional security, as well as additional educational space has been accomplished!

Where does the **"impossible"** come in? Well, we had embarked on the fundraising effort with the goal of breaking ground late spring ...2025…and we have been able to do just that! We have actually raised 67% of the 3 year, $3.25 million dollar campaign! Our Lord has done more than we could even ask or imagine through the hard work of His people these past 12 months!

We feel as if we have felt and seen the Lord's hand in every aspect of this journey thus far, thus please join with me in following the Lord and His great faithfulness each and every day. Remember… ***"For nothing will be impossible with God"***

To God be the glory,
Mr. Garner

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

**January 14**
Donation Denim Day/Sock & Slipper Day

## Voice Lesson Program Offered:

We are excited to offer private voice lessons at school by the talented Miss Brooklyn Hilton! Lessons are for High School and Middle School students, there are however a few spots open for Elementary students after school. Lessons help students develop healthy vocal technique, confidence, musicality, and performance skills. Deadline for sign up is December 23, 2025.
Click **here** for more information.

# Sports Update

### Announcements from Mr. Sareyka:

- Watch for the Elementary Archery Registration for Grades 4&5 coming next week!
- **Middle School Boys Spring Volleyball Coach Needed!** Are you or someone you know Interested? Email Athletic Director Grant Sareyka for more information.
- **Catalyst 10-meter Christmas Cookie Archery Tournament is tomorrow,** Saturday December 6th at Catalyst from 9 am - 12 pm. Come out and support the team!
- **Winter Sports Season at Catalyst Christian School has begun!** We are looking for help in the concession stand, as well as for the scoreboard and scorebook. If you'd like to sign up to bring drinks, spots are available. Food donations are also appreciated. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

**Sign Up**

### Looking Ahead - Upcoming Sports Events

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| **Saturday, December 6th** | • **Catalyst Christmas Cookie Classic Archery Tournament 9 am-12 pm**<br>• **HS Girls Basketball Game** @ Conestoga Christian<br>• **HS Boys Basketball Game** @ Conestoga Christian |
| **Tuesday, December 9th** | • **HS Girls Basketball** Game @ New Covenant, 6 pm |

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| **Wednesday, December 10th** | • **HS Boys Basketball** Game @ Dayspring JB 4:30 pm, V 7:30 pm |
| **Thursday, December 11th** | • **HS Boys Basketball** Game @ Anchor Christian, JV 6 pm |
| **Saturday, December 12th** | • **HS Boys Basketball** Game @ Harrisburg Christian, JV 12 pm, V 3 pm |
| **Monday, December 15th** | • **MS Girls Basketball** Game @ Dayspring, 4 pm<br>• **MS Boys Basketball** Game vs Dayspring, 4 pm<br>• **HS Boys Basketball** Game @ New Covenant, JV 4:30 pm, V 7:30 pm |
| **Thursday, December 18th** | • **MS Girls Basketball** Game vs Kraybill Mennonite, 3:30 pm<br>• **MS Boys Basketball** Game vs Kraybill Mennonite, 4:30 pm<br>• **HS Boys Basketball** Game @ Mount Calvary, JV 4:30 pm, V 7:30 pm<br>• **HS Girls Basketball** Game @ Mount Calvary, 6 pm |
| **Friday, December 19th** | • **MS Girls Basketball** Game vs Ephrata Mennonite, 3:30 pm<br>• **MS Boys Basketball** Game vs Ephrata Mennonite, 4:30 pm<br>• **HS Boys Basketball** Game @ Christian School of York, JV 4:30 pm, V 7:30 pm<br>• **HS Girls Basketball** Game @ Christian School of York, 6 pm |

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

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