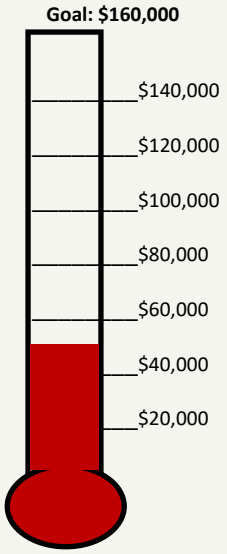
Catalyst Christian School

SOUND WAVES

October 3, 2025

Serve-A-Thon is Almost Here!

We are in the final countdown to Serve-A-Thon 2025. Keep sending in those sponsor sheets and donations! Remember, all sponsors and donations received by Friday, October 10th at 9 am will result in raffle tickets earned for your students. So let's stuff those buckets and get as many raffle tickets as we can inside them!



Current Amount: $53,711.46

Be on the lookout for the official Serve-a-Thon 2025 T-shirt. These will be delivered to your oldest student's classroom on Tuesday, October 7th. Also, by now, ALL chaperones should have received communication regarding your important role for the day. If you did not and think you should have, please reach out to the Serve-a-Thon team. Chaperones can plan to arrive starting at 7:45 AM for a light breakfast (donuts & coffee) in the kitchen. Please note that if you are an 8th Grade chaperone, you will be departing school promptly at 8:15 AM.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please wear your SAT shirt and closed toe shoes. All attire should follow the out of uniform guidelines set forth in the school handbook. SPECIAL NOTE: Grade 7 will remain in UNIFORM for their SAT assignment.
- Pack a fully disposable lunch & water bottle clearly marked with your student's name.
- Come with a heart ready to serve our community!

Thank you for your commitment to making Serve-A-Thon 2025 a success!

Donuts with Dad

October 29th from 7-8 am!

Any Dad, Stepdad, Grandfather, Father Figure, or Special Family Friend is welcome to attend and join us for this special breakfast with your child(ren). A special thank you to Lititz Orthodontics for generously sponsoring this event!

You may arrive anytime between 7:00–8:00 AM, but please remain with your children until 8:00 AM when they will be dismissed to class.

Important Transportation Note:

In previous years, very few students used transportation the morning of this event. As a cost-saving measure, **regular Catalyst bus routes will not be running in the morning.** If no other transportation option is available, *contact the office* by October 22, and we will arrange special transportation.

We ask all families to complete the RSVP form below so we can plan food. Looking forward to seeing you there!

RSVP Now

PIZZA

OCTOBER 6

Servers: Lauren Swanson, Jodi Hoover

HOT LUNCH

OCTOBER 8

Hot Lunch Menu: *Baked Ziti, Roll w/ Butter, Green Beans, Applesauce, Snickerdoodle*

Servers: Janelle Burkholder, Katrina Martin, Tonya Zimmerman, Roxanne Martin, Glennys Begani

Bakers: (30 cookies) - Emily Koch (2), Janelle Burkholder (2), Cheryl Hurst, Rachel Martin, Angela Martin, Letitia Weaver, Magdelana Schober

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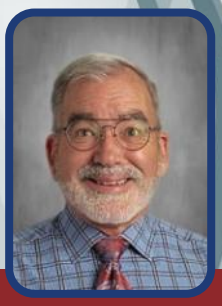
FUNDRAISER FRIDAY

OCTOBER 10

Fundraiser Friday Menu: *Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Chips, Applesauce*

Thoughts from the

Head of School



SAT Update…

The SAT envelopes have been coming in through the inner school mail to the office on a daily basis. How are you doing with your family goal for Serve-A-Thon? I have noticed that more and more SAT mailers have been coming in through the mail all this week. I also know that solicitation at various stores has been going on all around the area. I have been pleasantly surprised to be greeted by students who are telling the SAT story upon entrance to a store we may be visiting! It has been great to watch the sponsor sheets come rolling in! As always, we have a long way to go to reach our $160,000 target, but I am confident that we will! Keep on working hard to do your part. We need each family to hopefully reach or even exceed their $750 family goal. As a 2 fundraiser school, we must meet or exceed both our Serve-A-Thon and Auction goal each year. I would also ask that you spend time in prayer for next Friday, October 10. We need strong prayer support in this endeavor as we send chaperoned student teams out! A few things you can pray about are:

1. That our students and chaperones can be a good testimony as they serve .
2. That regardless of the service they are doing that they would serve "as unto the Lord".
3. Safety over each group as they engage in the many tasks of service.
4. A great time of memory making and fellowship as students and chaperones labor side by side.

Thanks to each of you who will be coming in on SAT day to serve as a chaperone!

Our prayer ultimately is to "Let our SERVE shine"!!! Let's Go Catalyst!!!

A few thoughts about Fall...

As the crisp air of fall settles in and the vibrant leaves begin to change, nature mirrors the beauty of God's creation in full splendor. Fall reminds us that, just as the trees shed their leaves, we too must sometimes let go of what no longer serves us to grow deeper in faith. In Ecclesiastes 3:1, it says, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." This season of autumn calls us to slow down, reflect, and embrace the changes in our lives with trust in God's perfect timing.

For those who love the outdoors, fall also brings the joy of hunting—an opportunity to immerse oneself in nature (high above the earth in a tree stand) and seek God's presence in the stillness of the woods. As I wait in quiet anticipation, bow in hand, I find that hunting is not just about the pursuit of game, but the pursuit of deeper connection with the Creator. In these quiet moments, away from the noise and distractions of life, I often hear God's voice more clearly. Psalm 46:10 encourages us, "Be still, and know that I am God." The woods offer a sacred space where the Lord meets us in the stillness, speaking to our hearts.

Spending time with the Lord in nature during this season offers a profound sense of peace and renewal. Just as fall prepares the earth for the coming winter, time with God in the woods prepares our hearts for whatever season is ahead. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." In this sacred time, we are reminded that, like the changing leaves, we too can experience renewal and transformation through God's grace.

I sure hope you enjoy the beautiful fall weekend ahead. Observe some fall foliage, take a walk, or maybe even go out and do some archery hunting, but above all take some time for renewal and reflection!

Blessings,
Mr. Garner

For your Calendar

October 10
Serve-A-Thon

October 13
No School

October 16
Donation Denim Day
To fund elementary Christmas parties

October 17
PreK Storytime RSVP
10 - 11 am

Middle School Open Gym Night
6:30 - 8:30 pm

October 23
Middle School Theatre Show
"Comic Book Artist"
7 PM

October 24
No School
Teacher In-Service Day

Middle School Theatre Show
"Comic Book Artist"
7 PM

October 25
Middle School Theatre Show
Comic Book Artist
1:00 pm

October 29
Donuts with Dad
7 - 8 am

October 30
Quarter 2 begins (High School)

Announcements

Vacation Reminder

If your family plans a vacation during the school year, it is your responsibility to inform the office **before** leaving for your trip:

- If your student(s) will be going on vacation, you will need to complete a Planned Educational Absence Form. The completed form must be turned in to the office at least 7 school days before making final arrangements for travel. The form will be reviewed by the Administrator and you will be notified if the absence will be excused or unexcused.
- If you are going to be traveling out of the area, but your students will be staying in school, please send an email to the office at bluenote@catalystschool.org providing the office with the details of your trip and the contact information for the individual(s) responsible for your students' care during your absence. This information is vital in cases of illness or emergency.

PreK - 12th Open House for 2026 School Year

Thursday, November 6th @ 6:30pm

Break out sessions for PreK/Kindergarten, Middle School, and High School. You will have the opportunity to hear from our Head of School about Christian Education and Financial Aid followed by a classroom presentation from teachers to learn more about our programs! Please RSVP below. For questions contact our Admissions Director Julie Nightingale at admissions@catalystschool.org

REGISTER NOW

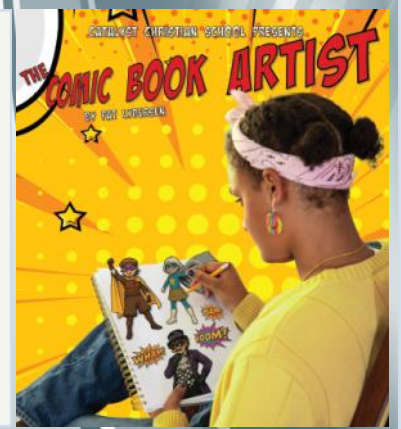
Middle School Theatre Presents

"Comic Book Artist"

October 23 - 24
7 PM

October 25
1 PM

At Catalyst Christian School.
No tickets required.
All shows are pay-what-you-will.



Weekly Prayer Guide

Join us in praying for our Catalyst family

Sara & Matt D'Onofrio (Facilities Mgr.)

Savanna & Michael Dueck (Teacher)

Andrea Ebersole (Teacher)

Daryl & Alisha Ebersole

Jared & Nicole Ehst

Grant & Alissa Elrod

Chapel Schedule

October 8

Grades K-5
Wes Dudley
Dove Westgate

Grades 6-12
Mentor Groups

You are welcome to join!

Mark your Calendars!

Thursday,
November 13
6:00 PM!

Enjoy a Chipotle-style fundraising dinner followed by Ryan & Friends! Sign-up details coming soon. A free-will offering will support the junior/senior missions trip to Mexico.

Uniform Committee Opening

Would you like to join the uniform committee to share your input and help make decisions? The time commitment is minimal, with only a few meetings—contact Kathy if interested.

Microwave Use

Beginning Monday, microwaves will be available for students in grades 3-12 to use during lunch.

Transportation Changes Reminder

Catalyst REQUIRES a "blue note" whenever you desire to change your child's regular transportation. For safety reasons, it is important that the office has blue notes at the beginning of each day for all transportation changes.

Blue Notes MUST be turned in no later than 12 PM the day of the change.

There are two ways to send a blue note:

- A physical blue note can be filled out and sent in to the office with your student. If you are in need of blue note forms, please let us know.
- An electronic blue note can be sent via email bluenote@catalystschool.org. If your transportation plans change and you have not turned in a blue note in the morning, please send an email to bluenote@catalystschool.org by 10:00 AM

Changes made between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon must be made by phone. (717-626-9551) We may not be able to accommodate later changes.

One note is sufficient for a family but should include:

- Student's name
- Student's grade
- Student's Teacher's name
- Date of transportation change
- Detailed explanation of what change is taking place (i.e. Sally will be a car rider picked up by Jane Doe instead of riding her regular bus.)

Last minute changes regarding a students transportation effects multiple staffing areas. We need sufficient time to contact all involved. We strive to keep all students safe at all times—please help us by following the above procedure!

Announcements

New Lunch Room “Courage Café”

High School Science Room / Middle School & High School Bible Room

The day is F-I-N-A-L-L-Y here…MOVE IN DAY!

It has been a joy to see the Lord’s faithfulness in so many ways through the building/renovation project here at Catalyst! I cannot be prouder of the faculty, staff, and students as they have displayed such flexibility! Our outstanding office staff worked in various temporary locations throughout the summer and then made the move to their new offices just hours before the start of the school year! Our students have enjoyed lunch, but in Gym 2 since the beginning of the year! We have also housed high school classes right next door to kindergarten since the start of the year! All of this was done without a complaint or hitch! Way to go team! Starting on Monday, October 6, our high school Science, middle school Bible, and high school Bible classes will be taught from brand new rooms. We will also be eating lunch in our brand new lunchroom, Courage Cafe, starting Monday! PTL for getting us this far, now all we need to do is finish the exterior. Join me in praying in the siding we are waiting for! I am so excited for you to move in!

Blessings,
Mr. Garner

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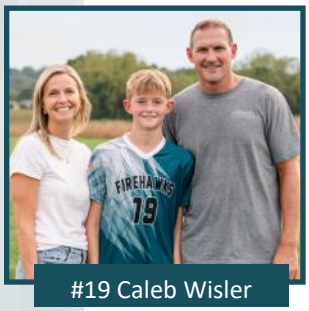
Sports Schedule

Sat. Oct 4	Mon. Oct 6	Tue. Oct 7	Thur. Oct 9
MS Girls VB A Team Tournament at Covenant 12 - 1 MS Girls VB B Team Tournament at LCCS	3-4:30 XC Practice 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice	3-4:30 XC Practice 3-5 MS Girls VB Practice 4-6 MS Boys Soccer Game @ Lititz Christian	3-4:30 XC Meet @ Coventry Christian 4-6 MS Boys Soccer home game VS. Veritas 4-6 MS Girls VB game @ Linden Hall

#12 Tyler Bills

#17 Nicholas Kneller

#16 Owen Kirschner


#19 Caleb Wisler

#15 Braydon Zimmerman

FIREHAWKS SCOREBOARD

9/29 @ Veritas
Volleyball A - 0-2 L
Volleyball B- 1-2 L
Soccer- 4-2 W

9/30 vs Ephrata Menn.
Volleyball A - 0-2 L
Volleyball B- 0-2 L
Soccer- 3-6 L

10/2 vs Hinkletown Menn.
Volleyball A - 2-0 W
Volleyball B- 0-2 L
Soccer- 1-5 L

Cross Country Meet 9/30:

High School:
Jocelyn Coulson 1st Place Finish! - 22:19
Jayda Gehman 6th Place - 25:32
Kaylee Zimmerman 16th Place - 30:51

Middle School:
Adelyn Gabers- 17:04
Aidan Zimmerman 16:16
Ethan Bich- 17:18

8th Grade Boys Soccer Recognition
held Thursday, 10/3. Thank you to the 8th graders and families for your dedication!

Boys Soccer 2025

(Bottom left picture, front row) Aidan Shenk, William Zook, Sam Sollenberger, Isaiah Golub, Jadon Lefever, Dawson Moyer, Rowan Ziegler, Ian Koch, Mason Groff, Nathan Weaver, Caleb Brubaker, (Back Row) Coach Jared Koch, Sam Weaver, Shaun Rhinier, Caleb Wisler, Nicholas Kneller, Braydon Zimmerman, Adam Nolt, Owen Kirschner, Tyler Bills, Devon Nolt, Coach Michael Dueck