Catalyst Christian School

SOUND WAVES

August 28, 2025

First day of School

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

SEPTEMBER 8

First Pizza Day!

(For those that had previously signed up by August 22nd)

Servers: Lauren Swanson, Jodi Hoover

SEPTEMBER 3

First Hot Lunch of the Year

(For those that had previously signed up by August 22nd)

Hot Lunch Menu: *Chicken Pot Pie, Roll with Butter, Peas, Pears, Chocolate Chip Cookies*

Servers: Anitha Weaver, Melanie Deibler, Bev Martin, Lisa Sauder, Jodi Gantz

SEPTEMBER 10

Hot Lunch Menu: *Beef BBQ, Tator Tots, Carrots w/Ranch, Applesauce, Brownies*

Servers: Janelle Burkholder, Melanie Deibler, Lisa Sauder, Stephanie Benedict, Julie Nolt

Bakers: (2- 9x13 Pans uncut) - Hollie Fry, Katie Shenk, Lisa Buch, Laura Good

Bakers and Servers Still Needed Click to Sign Up!

SIGN UP!

SignUpGenius

Spiritwear online store is OPEN now through September 12!

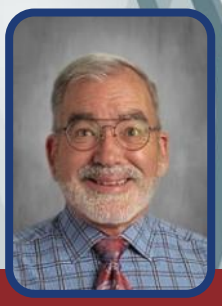
Spiritwear Online Store

Please note: Colored items will be coming in the future!

If you have a LAMS gray and blue hoodies from the previous school year, you may still wear those for the 2025-26 school year.

Thoughts from the

Head of School



Catalyst Christian School: A New Beginning

The joy and excitement that has been flowing in this building the past few days, is beyond what I could have hoped or imagined! Seeing your children (our students) in their classrooms enjoying being together with their teachers has been such a blessing. I want to give a big shout out to our teachers. What a joy to watch their classrooms come to life during inservice days...but now they are really coming to life as they are filled with students and evidence of learning and fun can be seen in the things being displayed! I always say that Catalyst is nothing but a building without our students! The excitement and enthusiasm I have seen in both the students and teachers is so very refreshing. What a blessing to be a part of this school ministry for 36 years! I have the privilege of coming to a workplace each day that is filled with people who love the Lord and want to lift His name on high! I just LOVE school and am thrilled to be a part of Catalyst Christian!

Back to School Celebration...

My heart is overflowing with joy as I write this today! What a celebration we had here on the campus of Catalyst on Monday evening! As our RSVP count continued to climb our PTF went into overdrive to prepare enough food for everyone and decide how best to serve it! It was great to invite you all in to see the updates as well as visit the classrooms! I am so thankful that our teachers were able to work extra hard to have their rooms in the shape they were in so that you could bring your students in. We always have a Back to School Celebration, however this is the first time we invited you in to tour the building and visit classrooms!

My thanks goes out to each faculty and staff member, as well as PTF who helped make the evening a huge success!

Serve-A-Thon (SAT) 2025

We are gearing up for our first major fundraiser of the school year…SERVE-A-THON. Lindsay Gabers, our SAT Coordinator, and her team have been working hard to kick off this new event. Our focus this year is on service more than ever! We are excited about partnering with area nonprofits to serve them in a variety of ways. As you know, this is one of 2 major fundraisers that we ask every family in our school to be involved in. As you do your soliciting this year, please remember that this is a great opportunity to get the word out about Catalyst Christian School. We do need 100% patron involvement to reach our goal. SAT is a direct result of a few patrons coming together and proposing a new vision while keeping a number of our core values in mind. Please mark your calendars now and plan to solicit sponsors AND help us out as a chaperone on FRIDAY October 10 for the school wide event! Our goals are still the same as always with SAT...raise funds for Catalyst and put feet to our core values, “Serving is Our Strength”, and “Community is our Commitment”. Do be on the lookout for further information about Serve-A-Thon 2025 to come home with your student after the Wednesday September 3 kick off event! Welcome to Catalyst Christian School —a place where sparks of faith, courage, and purpose are growing into a flame.

I hope that you have an awesome “end of summer” weekend!

Blessings,
Mr. Garner

For your Calendar

August 29
No School

September 1
No School

September 2
First day of school for Pre-K 2 Day

September 3
First day of school for Pre-K 3 Day

September 18
Grades K - 12 Back to School Night
For Parents
6:30 PM

September 19
No School
Teacher In-Service Day

September 24
Picture Day

September 27
Yard Sale 7am - 12pm
(Benefits Serve-a-thon)

October 10
Serve-A-Thon

October 13
No School

October 16
Donation Denim Day
To fund elementary Christmas parties

Announcements

Serve-a-thon

Please watch for an email (in your inbox or spam folder) from Auxilia, our online giving platform, with instructions to set up your family online giving page.

Important: the **Parent/Family Commitment Form** was due on Aug. 28th. If you haven't submitted it, please do so now – this lets us know how you want to participate and your T-shirt size. Please consider chaperoning if you are able, that is our area of greatest need.

Wed. Sept. 3rd – Serve-A-Thon Pep Rally and Kick Off! You will receive a blue Serve-A-Thon folder next week with information about where your children will be serving and information on collecting sponsors.

We are looking for a yard-sale coordinator for next year's Yard sale. If you are interested, please email Alisha at: dnaebersole@gmail.com

Weekly Prayer Guide

Join us in praying for our Catalyst family

Theresa Ackley (Bus Driver)
Rustam & Olga Akinin
Christopher & Megan Ament
Thomas & Kelly Ardt
Matt & Kris (Admin. Asst) Auker
Cole & Mariana Bausher

It's Parade Time!

We'd love your help representing Catalyst in the **Ephrata** and **Manheim** parades!

Parents and students are invited to join us—walk alongside our float, or ride on it if you're a student.

- **Ephrata Parade** – Tuesday, Sept. 24
- **Manheim Parade** – Tuesday, Oct. 8

Come out and be part of the fun!

To volunteer, please email **Ashlee Zimmerman** at

azimmerman@catalystschool.org

Catalyst Community Yard Sale

Saturday, Sept. 27

7am - 12 pm

Mark your calendars! Catalyst Serve-A-Thon Yard Sale will be Saturday, September 27th 7am-noon. Rain or shine, setup starts at 6am Saturday (Indoor or Outdoor) or Friday 6:30pm-8pm(Indoor Setup Only). Additional details will be sent prior to Yard Sale. Click **HERE** to sign up:

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Sports Schedule

	Sept 1	**Sept 2** 3-6 XC @Anchorage Chr. 4-6 MS Girls VB **@Consetoga Chr.** 4-6 MS Boys Soccer **@Conestoga Chr.**	**Sept 3**	**Sept 4** 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice 3-5 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB vs. Linden Hall	**Sept 5** 4-6 MS Girls VB **@Hinkletown M.** 4-6 MS Boys S **@Hinkletown M.**	
	Sept 8 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice 3-5 XC Practice 3-5 MS Girls Volley-ball Practice	**Sept 9** 3-5 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB **@Lititz Christian** 4-6 MS Boys Soccer **@Lititz Christian**	**Sept 10**	**Sept 11** 3-5 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB **vs. Dayspring** 4-6 MS Boys Soccer **vs. Dayspring**	**Sept 12** 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice 3-5 MS Girls Volley-ball Practice	

Mac Swineford

Volleyball coach

Meet the Coach

Mac is a graduate of Lancaster Bible College where he played 4 years of collegiate volleyball. For the past 2 years he has been the coach of the LCCS JV Girls volleyball team. Mac is dedicated to using his volleyball knowledge towards teaching the girls in a way that propels their volleyball skills as well as their growth in character. Mac feels as though a successful season is one where there is growth in the girls in their skills, character, and spiritual walk with the Lord.

Grant Sareyka
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