Catalyst Christian School

SOUND WAVES

September 12, 2025

First Denim Day
Thursday, Sept 18

What is Denim Day? An optional out of uniform day fundraiser which benefits a variety of special activities held within the school.

How much should I give? Students are asked to bring $1 or more if they do not wear their uniform.

What are the dress standards for that day? Click here to view

No denim? If a student in K-8 does not wish to wear denim, they must be in uniform.

PIZZA
SEPTEMBER 15

Servers: Lauren Swanson, Kelly Kline

HOT LUNCH
SEPTEMBER 17

Hot Lunch Menu: *Chicken Tenders, Mac 'N Cheese, Green Beans, Applesauce, Banana Bar*

Servers: Leah Robinson, Angela Martin, Julie Nolt, Jodi Hoover, Amy Zook

Bakers: (2- jelly roll pans uncut) - Lilia Golub, Melanie Deibler, Leatha Reiff, Andrea Coulson, Annie Stoltzfus, Nicole Ehst, Julie Nolt, Amanda Parra Shea, Emily Weaver

No FUNDRAISER FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 19

No School

Serve-A-Thon Update - 29 Days to Go!

We're just 29 days away from Serve-a-Thon! Hopefully, you've had a chance to look through the blue folder that was sent home last week and your children are eagerly gathering sponsors. Reminder, starting Monday, September 15th, families can begin turning in sponsor sheets and donations to the Catalyst office.

Remember:

- When you send in sponsor sheets, your children may receive raffle tickets on "Ticket Tuesday" for chances to win exciting prizes
- Please place all donations (cash or check) in an envelope clearly marked with your family name
- Be sure sponsor sheets are filled out completely—this helps us with record-keeping and ensures your family gets proper credit toward the $750 family goal

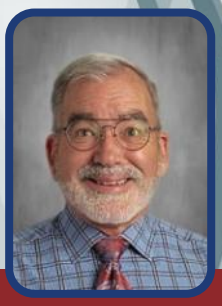
We are excited to share we have some additional family prizes: 3 Deluxe Passes to Urban Air, a Chick-fil-A Family Meal Pack and a Catalyst Spiritwear Bundle!

Finally, don't forget to check the recent email about setting up your family's digital fundraising page. This online tool makes it simple to share your Serve-a-Thon story with family, friends, coworkers, and beyond. Click here to start building your page.

A huge thank you to all who volunteered up to fill our final chaperone spots—your support makes it all possible! Together, we're on our way to another amazing Serve-a-Thon!

Thoughts from the

Head of School



"Are you Keith Garner from Lititz Area Mennonite School? Yes, you need to leave the park immediately, with your class…"

I will never forget those words on that beautiful, sunny blue sky day at Lancaster County Park spoken 24 years ago when I was a fifth grade teacher here at LAMS! We had just got all of our team building activities set up and running on our first 5th grade field trip of the school year when the Lancaster County Park ranger approached me with the above question and directive. I pressed him with several other questions before he would even tell me why we had to leave the park... he finally told me our nation was under attack! What in the world did that mean? As a 5th grade teacher, my mind was going in many different directions...the safety of my students and parent chaperones...the safety of my own children who were in class at LAMS...the safety of my wife Deb who was off for the day and at home...so many questions! Because of the immediacy, I ran through the woods where our activities were set up gathering the students and their chaperones instructing them to gather at the pavilion. I met with the chaperones and explained as best I could what I knew. I then tried to explain to the students that there was an emergency that required us to cancel our day long trip and return to school. This was before everyone had cell phones, thus we were really in the dark! We prayed together as a group and then rode the whole way back to LAMS in silence...not knowing what to expect! God brought to mind a passage of scripture that we would learn in 5th grade that year which says "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling, Selah" Psalm 46: 1-3. When we got to school, our principal, Miss Kay Predmore, filled us in and let us know that school was being dismissed immediately. Without the ability to receive television reception, I really did not know the details until I got home that afternoon...and then the details unfolded ad nauseum via network TV if you remember!

Reflecting on that day and time caused me to remember the unity that was present across the nation! The prayer vigils, the intense spirit of nationalism interspersed with the intense call to worship, the respect for our first responders, the giving spirit of our nation as people made their way to New York to help in any way they could were all things I remember. The call to prayer, not only by our churches but also by our strong political leaders of the day was also the norm. All of these things were hallmarks of that dark period of our nation's history...may we remember what drew us together during that time...a love for our neighbor. We also are mourning the loss of a dynamic Christian leader, Charlie Kirk. Let's also keep his family in prayer as we remember. Let us strive to put feet to one of our core values: Community is our Commitment " Genuinely loving God and one another is the foundation of our relationships…" Mark 12:30-31, as well as Prayer is our Posture!

The Journey Event…

As you know by now, we are at the phase of our capital campaign where we should be doing some celebrating! We are not finished with the campaign or the project as of yet, however it is time to rejoice together! Please consider joining us for a "Night to Celebrate Under the Stars"! We have a wonderful meal planned complete with desserts, as well as an opportunity to learn how you can also potentially be a part of the campaign! Please know that you, as part of our Catalyst community, are welcome whether you can be part of the campaign or not…JUST COME AND SEE! We would love to have you here! RSVP today by contacting Tim Farrell at tfarrell@catalystschool.org

Blessings,
Mr. Garner

For your Calendar

September 18
Donation Denim Day
(proceeds benefit HS Mission Trip)

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

October 24
No School
Teacher In-Service Day

October 29
Donuts with Dad
7 - 8 am

October 30
Quarter 2 begins (High School)

Announcements

Spiritwear online store

Online Store closes Sept. 15th -

Order Now!

Spiritwear Online Store

Handbook

Have questions about school? Check out our online Family Patron Handbook for quick answers on:

- Attendance
- Uniforms
- academic policies
- planned absences
- and more!

Lifetouch

Picture Day is Coming!

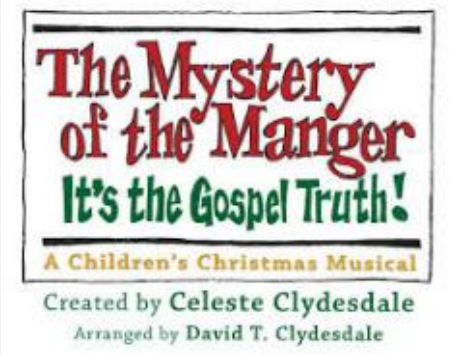
Wednesday, September 24!

You can place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: **EVTKZF6JW**. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!

If you do not wish to order online, your child can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Picture Day. **Orders after Picture Day must be placed online only on mylifetouch.com** .

2025 Christmas Program Details

Reminder for 4th & 5th grade students: Auditions will be held after school on Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the music room from 2:45 - 4pm. Click on the picture below for more information.



Pizza update

Thanks for your understanding about Monday's pizza being a little smaller than usual! We've connected with the restaurant, and future orders will be back to the size students are used to.

Catalyst Community Yard Sale

Saturday, Sept. 27

7am - 12 pm

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). Click **HERE** to sign up.

It's Parade Time!

Help represent Catalyst!

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

Come out and be part of the fun!

To volunteer, please email **Ashlee Zimmerman**

Dress Code Reminder

With cooler weather arriving this is a dress code reminder that all hoodies, jackets or sweaters that are worn inside the classroom must be PLAIN white, blue, gray, or black. Logos or symbols of any kind are not permitted on the clothing. Catalyst or LAMS Spiritwear sweatshirts and hoodies can be worn.

Announcements

Weekly Prayer Guide

Join us in praying for our Catalyst family

Matt & Erin Bills
Mary Boyle
Joseph & Lauren Brenner
Steve & Erin Brubaker (Teacher)
David & Lisa Buch (Teacher)
Josh & Tricia Buckwalter

Chapel

September 17

K-5

Mrs. Carolyn Polonus
School Counselor

6-12

Jeremiah Kleylein
717 Church

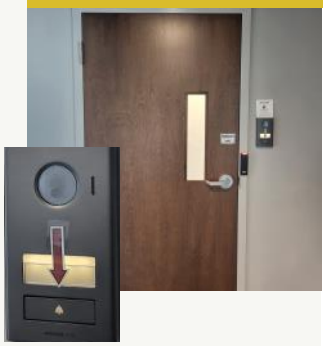
You are welcome to join!

Visitor entry during school day

Step 1

- Go to **Front** of building
- Enter through set of doors on **right** hand side

Step 2



- Turn **right**
- Face brown door and press button displaying bell
- Inform office of intent via intercom

Step 3

- Door will be open by our friendly office staff that will greet you with a smile!

BRAND NEW PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

STARTING OCT. 17TH AT 10 AM

CHILDREN AGES 3-5 ARE INVITED TO ENJOY A STORY, PARTICIPATE IN A CRAFT ACTIVITY, AND HAVE A SNACK. THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!

CLICK HERE

LET'S JOURNEY

Strong Foundation - Strong Future

1 Cor. 3:11

Catalyst Christian School invites all parents to a special evening on Friday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM. This free event includes dinner, dessert, and a presentation celebrating what God is doing through our Let's Journey campaign. We would love for you to be part of this milestone night—it won't be the same without you!

Please RSVP by September 17th
Space is limited!

RSVP

We would be honored to have you join us for this memorable evening of fellowship, vision, and celebration.

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Sports Schedule

	Sept 15 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice 3-5 XC Practice 3-5 MS Girls Volley-ball Practice	**Sept 16** 3-6 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB **@Ephrata Menn.** 4-6 MS Boys Soccer **@Ephrata Menn.**	**Sept 17**	**Sept 18** 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice 3-5 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB Practice	**Sept 19** No School	
	Sept 22 3-5 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB (home) VS. LCCS 4-6 MS Boys Soccer (home) VS. LCCS	**Sept 23** 3-6 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB (home) VS. Veritas 4-6 MS Boys Soccer (home) VS. Veritas	**Sept 24**	**Sept 25** 3-5 XC Practice 4-6 MS Girls VB (home) VS. Lititz Christian 4-6 MS Boys Soccer (home) VS. Lititz Christian	**Sept 26** 3-5 MS Boys Soccer Practice 3-5 MS Girls Volley-ball Practice	

Interesting in helping with scoreboard? Click HERE

Concession stand help needed! Click HERE

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