Catalyst Christian School

SOUND WAVES

September 5, 2025

Serve-A-Thon 2025

Officially kicked off!

We kicked off the year with our first chapel, combined with the Serve-a-Thon pep rally, where our principal and head of school shared what it means to be a catalyst, pointing to Bible figures of faith and Jesus as the ultimate example. We explored our theme from 2 Timothy 1:6-7 with a flame illustration before heading outside for team relay competitions to prepare for Serve-a-Thon. Keep an eye out for Catalyst students visiting local businesses in the coming weeks as they seek support.

Important Information from the Serve-a-Thon Team

SAT 2025 is **HERE**, and the first step is to start collecting sponsors! Earlier this week, all families K - 12th grade should have received their BLUE Serve-a-Thon folders packed with important information like: *What is Serve-a-Thon?*, Sponsor Sheets, Donation Tax Receipts, Class Service Locations, Fundraiser Ideas & Prize Sheet and a Letter to send out to family and friends.

The first sponsor sheets and money will be collected on September 15th for a chance to earn raffle tickets for this year's prizes. Similar to previous years, sponsor sheets with payment will be tallied each Monday, with raffle tickets distributed on *Ticket Tuesday*. As a reminder, please clearly mark your envelope with donations (cash or check) with your family name and make sure your sponsor sheets are filled out. This assists in our record-keeping efforts and also ensures that your family receives proper credit towards your $750.00 family goal.

We are deeply grateful for the parents who have already volunteered, but we are still in need of chaperones for 4Z, 5th, 6th and 7th Grades to assist on the day of Serve-a-Thon. Please fill out the Parent Commitment Form or reach out to either Lindsay Gabers (lgabers@ptd.net) or Lauren Swanson (laurenpswanson@gmail.com) if you can assist with any of those classes.

Lastly, you should have received an email with instructions on setting up your family's personal website through our digital fundraising platform. This tool makes it simple to share your Serve-a-Thon story with family, friends, coworkers, and beyond. Click here to start building your page.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to another amazing Serve-a-Thon!

PIZZA

SEPTEMBER 8

First Pizza Day!

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

Servers: Lauren Swanson, Jodi Hoover

HOT LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 10

Hot Lunch Menu: *Beef BBQ, Tater 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

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FUNDRAISER FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

Menu: *Hot Dog, Chips Applesauce*

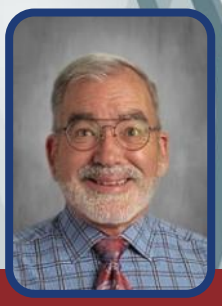
Bakers and Servers Still Needed Click to Sign Up!

SIGN UP!

SignUpGenius

Thoughts from the

Head of School



Oh what a day!

Wednesday started like a normal day and then around 9, I was told we had no water in the building! Well that rarely has ever happened here, thus it causes some immediate concern…bathrooms…hand washing…water to drink…no hot lunch…early dismissal and more! After checking a lot of the obvious, Mr. D'Onofrio and I surmised it was time to call in the experts. A quick call to patron Sheldon Zeiset at Martin Water started the ball rolling. We had a technician on site in a few minutes and he was able to discern what the problem was. It was close to 2 hours from start to finish! I want to say I am so proud of our students, teachers, and staff for their flexibility and innovation during this time!

Faithful Give 2025

We are pleased to let you know that we have joined a number of other nonprofits again in the annual Faithful Give (https://faithfulgive.org/) . This event that shares our Christian values will be held not for one day but for three days…October 19-21

The mission of Faithful Give is to personify Jesus' love to the Lancaster community by connecting biblically faithful donors and organizations so they can joyfully partner together in redemptive causes. Faithful Give provides venues to celebrate God's provision, encourage local leaders, and advance Jesus' Kingdom. Our mission is based upon our shared belief in the Apostle's creed and the authority of the Bible.

The proceeds from this year's event will be used to upgrade our audio system for chapel, as well as all other performances here at Catalyst. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks on Faithful Give 2025 that will support Catalyst, until then check out their website!

Serve-A-Thon (SAT) 2025

The level of cheering in Gym 1 was amazing Wednesday as our annual Serve-A-Thon kick off rally was held! The kick off committee under the leadership of MS/HS teacher Mr. Dueck put together several activities around part of this years theme verse which talks of "fanning the flame" that students from all grade levels participated in! All of the activities done were great, however the highlight for me was our high school students. Volunteers from grades 9-12 lined up in 2 lines and did a candle relay…passing a real flame down the line…and the last candle ignited a significant flame signaling the end of the relay! Our students were literally fired up and ready to begin the work of raising $160,000 by the end of the rally! This is our third year on the venture of Serve-A-Thon, and the concept is really appreciated by the non-profits we serve! Lindsay Gabors, Lauren Swanson, Denise Zimmerman and the rest of the team have been working hard already to make this year's event a success! . The still new venture of Serve-A-Thon is so very exciting! I can't wait until October 10 to see our students and parent chaperones going out to serve in our community! As you have learned, the fundraising aspect of SAT is the same as last year, thus thank you in advance for doing your part in helping Catalyst reach the budgeted goal!

Have an outstanding weekend! Make sure the students get lots of rest because next week we have our first full week of school, yes, all 5 days!

Blessings,

Mr. Garner

For your Calendar

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

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

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Weekly Prayer Guide

Join us in praying for our Catalyst family

Craig & Glennys Begani
Jethro & Anya Beiler (Teacher)
Philip & Stephanie Benedict
Eric & Ashley Bennett (Teacher)
Jason & Michelle Bennett
Daniel & Caitlin Bich (Teacher)

Car Rider Reminder

- Notify the office if your student's transportation changes to car rider and provide the office with the name of who will pick them up.
- Regular car riders: make sure to display your sign or give it to whoever is picking up to keep the line running smoothly

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.

Chapel

September 10

K-5
April Trego

6-12
Mentor Groups

You are welcome to join!

Picture Day is coming on 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!
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** .

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

Dallas Good
Student Teacher

Hello, and welcome to a new school year! My name is Dallas Good, and I am excited to spend the first several weeks of the fall semester with you. I have the privilege of student teaching in the music classroom alongside Mrs. Shea. Currently, I am a senior at Lancaster Bible College, completing my bachelor's degree in music education. I am grateful for the opportunity to begin my teaching journey at Catalyst Christian School and look forward to getting to know you.

Special Event

We are excited to invite you to a special evening under the stars as we celebrate the progress of our **"Let's Journey" building campaign** and look forward to the future God has in store for Catalyst Christian School!

Please RSVP by September 17th – Space is limited! Scan the QR code in the invitation or click the link below:

https://app.theauxilia.com/Event/let_s_journey_together_

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 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	
	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	

Cross Country Results

Middle School

Aidan Zimmerman, 17:40

Ethan Bich, 18:54

Adelyn Gabers, 19:10

High School

2nd Place Finish- Jocelyn Coulson, 22:08

Jayda Gehman, 26:36

Kaylee Zimmerman, 30:28

Sports Scores

Soccer

8/28- 1 - 3 loss vs. LCCS

9/2- 1 - 0 win vs. Conestoga Christian

Volleyball

8/28- 0 - 2 loss vs. LCCS

9/2- 2 - 1 win vs. Conestoga Christian

Interesting in helping with scoreboard? Click HERE

Concession stand help needed! Click HERE

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