September 2024

# ROAR

## ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER




## A WORD FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR...

A few weeks ago I was asked about "Aletheia's focus on growth." My response was that our focus has nothing to do with growth. Our focus is on creating a culture of community and engagement where our families and students feel welcomed and valued. That culture has led to unprecedented growth for our school.

Be Blessed!
Be Different!
Go, Lions!

With growth comes challenges. The most important challenge we face is continuing to build on the foundation of Aletheia Christian; to continue to build a culture of community and engagement. Our families come to our school because they are seeking a community of believers that value both parents and students. Not only is it difficult to protect the foundation, but to continue to build on that foundation. To that point, it is important that all of the Aletheia Christian community be committed to contributing to the building of our culture. We cannot build culture without community. We cannot build community without people.

How can you contribute? Get involved! Here are three ways to do so:

1. Aletheia Parent Association (APA): Builds community, organizes volunteers, and raises funds to support teachers.
2. Booster Club: Supports our athletic programs and is open to all families.
3. Fundraising Committee: Focuses on raising funds for current and future building projects.

Upcoming events like Feed the Need, the Book Fair, and Science Night offer great opportunities to get involved. We need volunteers and family participation to make these events a success. Thank you for being a part of this special community we call Aletheia Christian. We are grateful for you and your family.

## VPK CANDY SCIENCE

Our VPK students  had their first science experiment of the year! They are not only learning their colors, but also learning how to form a hypothesis. Students had to guess what would happen when warm water was poured on top of Skittles. They found out that it made a rainbow, and the Skittles turned white as the warm water melted the colors off.  What fun!





## KINDERGARTEN FUN

Kindergarteners in Mrs. Hansen's class  have been having a sweet time using marshmallows to learn all sorts of things. From counting to making patterns and even marshmallow stamping, they are getting hands-on instruction in the yummiest possible way.

## SECOND GRADE BUDDY READING

Second graders in Mrs. Davis' class are really working on their reading skills! Students can choose from a variety of reading options: a visit to the listening station, buddy reading, or independent reading. We are so thrilled when we see our lions pounce on a good book!



## AP STUDENTS CELEBRATE

All of Mrs. Everett's AP Language students passed their AP exams back in May, and they celebrated this past summer with a trip to Wild Honey for some frozen yogurt.

Congratulations and best wishes to several who have headed off to college!





## HS BIBLE CLASS

Students in Mrs. Thompson's 9th grade Bible Class, Foundations of Faith, discussed worldviews last month. They worked together in groups to make concept maps to represent having a worldview. We think they did an awesome job!

**Congratulations** to senior Anna Miller who has been recognized by The College Board as a National Hispanic Scholar.

Recipients must:

- Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Earn within the top 10% of test takers in each state on the PSAT or earn a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams.
- Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, or Indigenous or Native.





## HIGH SCHOOL CANOE TRIP

Students in 9th-12th grades had a blast fellowshipping (and occasionally getting stuck) down Blackwater River on our annual canoe trip. They finished the day with an outdoor lunch and a message from former Aletheia parent, Bill DuPury. It was a GREAT day!

## IGNITE! CONFERENCE

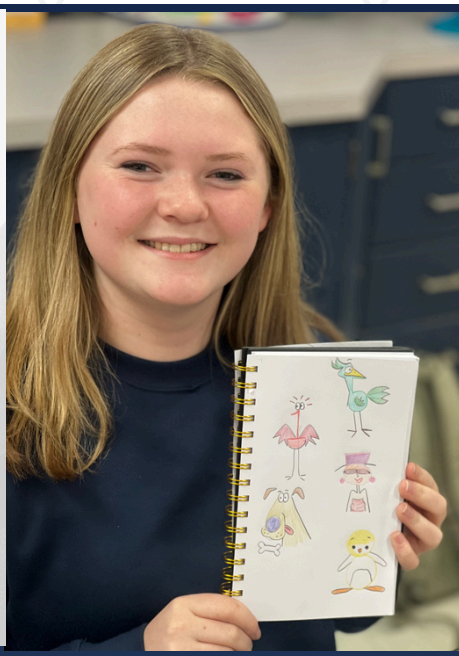
Our Upper School students kicked off the year right with worship and the Word at our annual IGNITE Conference. Marcus Pointe Baptist Church was an amazing host to us, providing passionate worship and impactful teaching. Oh, and they fed us, too! We are so thankful for the love they show our students.




## ART CLASS NEEDS

If you would like to he[p support our 7th-8th grade Art Department, shop Mrs. White's Amazon Wish List.

**8th grader Abby Baldwin shows off her cartoon creations from art class**



Come Join Us

# Family Science Night

September 19th
5-7pm

ACA Gym

PENSACOLA MESS HALL

- Visit 12 different hands-on science stations from Pensacola Mess Hall
- Buy pizza and concessions from the seniors
- Shop the I-55 Book Fair

## COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

VPK-3rd grade parents
Sept 6th
4th-6th grade parents
Sept 13th

8:15-9am @
"The House"
1760
Woodchuck Ave

**See your email to RSVP!**

Aletheia is excited to be hosting its first I:55 Book Fair from Wednesday, Sept 18th-Friday, Sept 20th.

JUNGLE BOOK FAIR

I:55 BOOK FAIRS

Lower School students will have designated days to shop, while Upper School students can shop before school, after school, or during lunch time.

Be on the lookout for more info on shopping times.

WE NEED HELPERS! To volunteer, please sign up HERE.



## SEE YOU AT THE POLE

On September 25th, students and faculty will gather at 7:30am to pray together as a school body for our nation, school, students, and families. Parents are welcome to join this student-led event.
More info to come from SGA.

FEED the NEED

# SAVE THE DATE

*Join us at Kickoff*

**OCTOBER 17th**

AND DISCOVER HOW *your family* CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE *locally* AND *globally!*

# SPORTS NEWS

## LOWER SCHOOL FALL SPORTS

Co-ed Flag Football (Grades 1-4)
Dates: 9/7 – 10/26
Fee: $75

GO LIONS!

Girls' Volleyball (Grades 4-8)
Dates: 9/21 – 11/9
Fee: $90

**REGISTER HERE**

## NEW OFFERINGS

We are excited to offer golf for the first time ever at Aletheia. Matches began at the end of August and will continue through October.

Also, cross country is returning after a long hiatus with races throughout the fall.



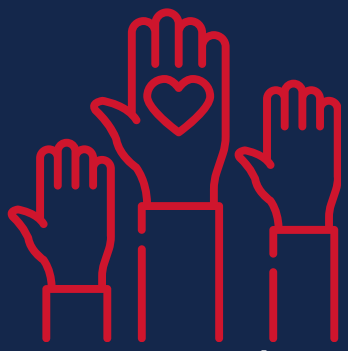

## GAMES

JV/Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Varsity Soccer Schedule

## ADMISSIONS NEWS

As we look ahead and begin planning enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year, it is important for us to ensure that we are honoring our current families by giving them first priority for any unenrolled siblings. Please see the email from our admissions director, Mrs. Skaggs, and complete the enrollment interest form no later than **Friday, September 13th** to help us accommodate your family if you are hoping to enroll a new student for the 25-26 school year. Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Skaggs if you need assistance at admissions@acalions.org



## APA NEWS

As a parent of an Aletheia student, you are already a member of the Aletheia Parent Association! The APA is an organization of parents, grandparents, and any family members who choose to be involved in their students' school. Our goal is to serve and support Aletheia teachers and students in any way possible. This includes treating our teachers, donating our time/resources for classroom projects, and volunteering for special school events.

Please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming events and join us at our next APA meeting on **Thursday, September 12, at 8 a.m**. at 1760 Woodchuck Avenue. Mr. Laxton will be joining us to discuss some very exciting opportunities for our Aletheia community.

## FRONT OFFICE NEWS

If you are new to Aletheia and have not submitted your child's school physical, Florida immunization shot records, or religious exemption please send it in to Mrs. Kathi at the front desk ASAP.

Also, all absences will be marked unexcused unless a parent calls, emails or sends in a note.

## GUIDANCE NEWS



SAT Test Date: October 5th
Registration Deadline: September 20th

ACT Test Date: October 26th
Registration Deadline: September 30th

## BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

Please be on the lookout for emails from Step Up for Students advising approval of quarterly tuition payments. Your prompt response is appreciated.

FACTS is not only your student management program, but also is used for tuition and fee payments. When you log onto your FACTS portal, you can get to the financial information using the Financial tab on the left side. From there, you can see what is owed, choose invoices to pay, or change your payment method.

Scholarship parents will also see the scholarship funds collected throughout the school year. **Do not pay those invoices that have a due date of July 2025.** I will collect those funds from your scholarship funding organization. For assistance with FACTS, call the parent help line at (866) 441-4637.

# SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 | Labor Day-NO SCHOOL |
| 10 | Fall Portraits |
| 12 | APA Meeting |
| 18-20 | I:55 Book Fair |
| 19 | Family Science Night |
| 23 | Booster Club Meeting |
| 25 | See You at the Pole |

*BE DIFFERENT*

# THANK YOU

## TO OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS

MASTER-TEC FLOORS
MTF

FASTSIGNS®
Make Your Statement℠
Custom Signs & Visual Solutions
(850) 477-9744

SIGN POST PROS
SIGN POST PROS



Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE
MAIN STREET PROPERTIES
Kelly M. Gary
REALTOR®, MRP
850-232-3519
kgaryrealty@gmail.com
An Independently Owned and Operated Franchise.

# We Appreciate You!

ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY