December 2024

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ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR...

It is difficult to believe that it is almost Christmas and that our son, Brooks, is nearly a year old! I am grateful for all of the Aletheia Christian family that has made this past year a success. I'm grateful for how God continues to guide, direct, and bless our school. Finally, I am grateful for your generosity during our Feed the Need campaign. In under two months, 218 families registered and over 1,200 donations were given for a grand total raised of $115,622! This is a testament to our culture, families, and the work that God is doing here at Aletheia Christian.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude to all of the families, students, staff, and businesses that participated. We raised over $40,000 above our initial goal! Funds raised through Feed the Need will go to support our current building project, future building projects, and campus improvements. Before Thanksgiving break, our staff and students participated in our Feed the Need packing party where we packed 10,000 meals for hurricane victims and the largest refugee camp in the world!

As I reflect on this year, and all of the mountains and valleys, I encourage you, in all that you do, lean into Jesus. Allow him to fill you up; to guide and direct your paths. Please know that we are incredibly grateful for choosing us. We strive to honor Christ and pursue excellence in all that we do. Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

BE BLESSED! BE DIFFERENT! GO, LIONS!

KINDERGARTENERS GIVE THANKS





Students in Mrs. Hansen's kindergarten class celebrated the first Thanksgiving in some exciting ways! They learned about God's hand in Squanto's life and how God used him to help the Pilgrims. They sampled what the Pilgrims may have eaten on the Mayflower (salted beef and stale bread) and then ate a feast and played games such as Screaming Eagle and a dice game. They even learned Native American symbols, chose names, and painted t-shirts t wear to the celebration.

PIONEER DAY IN SECOND GRADE

Second grade students in Mrs. Davis' class learned that a good book takes you places! Students enjoyed reading "Little House in the Big Woods," and celebrated with a week of pioneer activities. They had fun with household chores such as washing clothes, churning butter, and making candles! They also ate delicious chili, cornbread, and cookies. But the fun didn't stop there! They also made old fashioned toys, did some tin pie stamping, stuck cloves in apples, and ran in a sack race! Whew, what a week of fun!



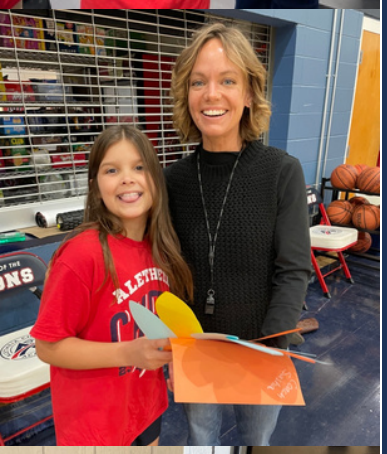
5TH GRADE MATH STARS

Why should a triangle never get into an argument with a circle? Because it's pointless!

Last month, fifth graders in Ms. Stroud's class RULED as they learned about measuring perimeter in math class. They measured angles around their classroom and discovered that geometry is literally everywhere!



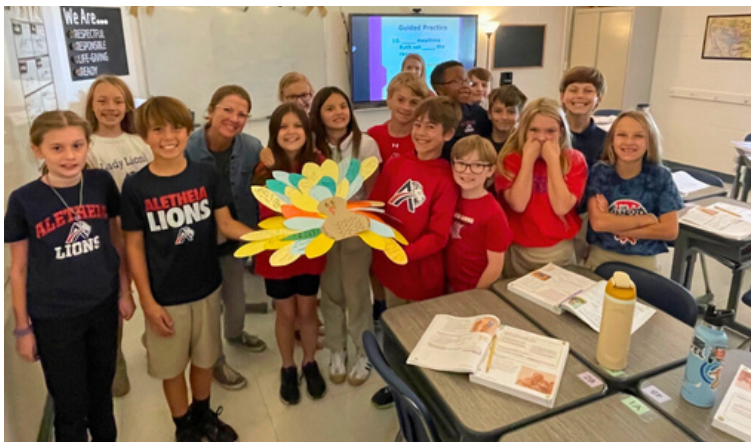






THANKFUL TURKEY DELIVERY

Aletheia students sure know how to show their gratitude! Mrs. Reeder and Ms. Stroud had their students create and deliver "thankful turkeys" to their specials teachers to show them how grateful they were for them.





ELEMENTARY ART



Students in Mrs. English's Lower School art classes have completed some AMAZING art this fall while studying the works of Vincent Van Gogh. His quick and short brushstrokes create life and movement within his paintings and our Lions took note! K5 studied the cool colors found in Starry Night and created mobiles to represent motion. To celebrate the colors of fall and examine the art element of texture, 1st-6th graders focused on Van Gogh's Sunflowers and used a variety of mediums such as clay, collage, paint, black and white pencil sketching, and fiber art.



ACA Lions know that God is the ultimate creator, and they were created in His image. We know that He delights in their creativity and so do we!







MARBLE MANIA LAB

Students in Mr. Tripp's ninth grade Physical Science class explored Newton's Second Law of Motion by manipulating mass and force. Students applied force to a cup by rolling a marble down a ramp. By adjusting the cup's mass in each trial and measuring the resulting acceleration, they observed a larger mass leads to smaller acceleration. So cool!





COMPUTER SCIENCE CODING

Students in Mrs. Taylor's AP Computer Science class explored the role of physical devices in computing. By combining their knowledge of coding with a circuit, students developed programs to create music, display colored lights, test temperature, and make a light sensor.

DIGITAL ART ACTIVITY PERIOD

Students in Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Davis' digital art activity period have been learning to use digital arts tools like the Apple Pencil and the Procreate app on the iPad to create and design digital art. They have drawn self portraits, homes, designed Christmas stationery, and will work on designing logos this month.



LEGACY GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS

- Helping to beautify and take pride in our school campus
- Packing boxes with donations from the Lower School for Operation Christmas Child
- Gathering and organizing donations for a Thanksgiving canned food drive
- Reading with Lower School classes
- Writing notes of encouragement
- Building relationships by playing outside with Kindergarten students
- Baking goodies for a bake sale to benefit our Phoebe Meade

We are proud of our students and how well they served others last month during our Legacy Serve Day. A few of the projects they completed that day were:











CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAY & CHRISTMAS CHAPEL





We are excited to bring back Christmas Spirit Day on Thursday, December 12th. Students may dress up in their most festive Christmas attire: sweaters, t-shirts, headbands, hats, necklaces, etc. (sorry, no pjs). There will be a few surprises throughout the day and reindeer games at Chapel. There will be no charge to participate this year since we have a Dress-Down December.

We will have two separate Christmas chapel services on this day, one for Upper and one for Lower School. They will include songs from our Elementary Chorus, our Worship Team, and other performances such as a spoken-word piece, a digital art performance, and a student-led devotion. Parents are invited to attend chapel as always.

CANDY CANE DELIVERY



The SGA will be selling candy canes this Christmas season. They will take orders during lunch in the back hallway beginning Monday, December 2nd through Friday, December 13th. Parents can order for their student and/or teachers, and students are encouraged to order for their teachers and/or friends. The SGA will deliver the candy canes on Wednesday, December 18th. Each candy cane will come with a tag and a message.

Traditional - $0.75 **Fruity - $1.00** **Combo - $1.50**

Christmas Performance & SLL Silent Auction

Saturday, December 7th

The Lower School Chorus & Upper School Drama Team present...



- Gym doors open at 2pm
- Buy It Now items available
- Bidding ends at 5pm
- Performance to follow

Items start at 60% off retail

Restaurants
Services
Vacation Rentals
Gift Baskets
Jewelry
& more

Food Trucks **Dessert Sale**

Seating will be limited - RSVP HERE

Shop the auction to help you plan a...

Date Night
Pensacola Picnic Co
Carriage Ride
Pensacola Opera
Hilton Pensacola Beach

FAMILY DAY
OWA Tickets
Jet's Pizza Pack
Glow Paddle
Fannie Lou's Ice Cream

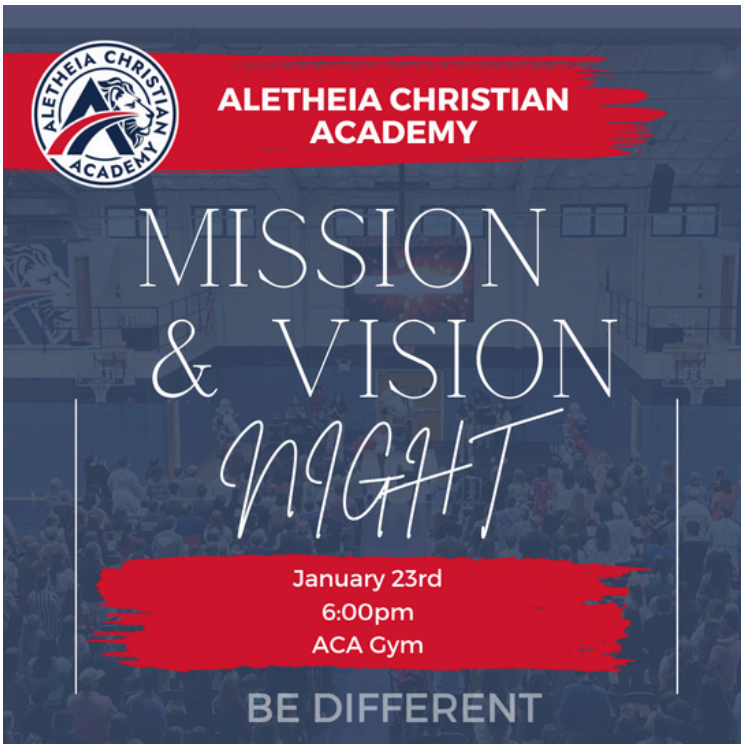
Day Trip
Montgomery Zoo
Ripley's Believe It or Not
The Track Family Fun Center
Gulfarium

Birthday Bash
Arena Paintball
Fast Eddies
Kona Ice Party
Foam Bros Party

Spring Cleaning
Elite Services Carpet Care
Under Pressure Concrete Cleaning
Ronny's Car Wash
A Maintenance Guy

TREAT DAY
Cordova Skin and Body Spa
Cypress Golf Course
David Yurman Diamond Ring
Szotski's Cheesecakes

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR





ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 21st
Four-Person Scramble
Shotgun Start at Noon

Registration
$500/team until 1/24
$600/team after 1/24

Registration link to come!

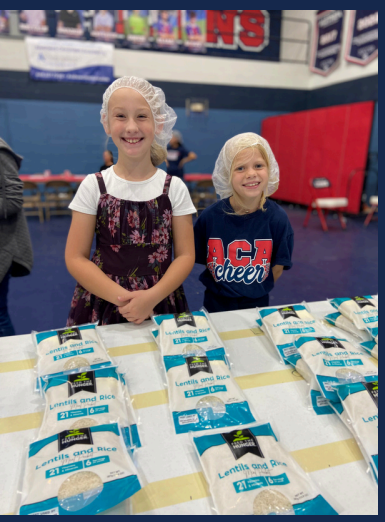
Our Upper School Spiritual Conference will be held February 27th at Liberty Church in Pace.

FEED the NEED

$115,622

We want to give a HUGE thank you to all our families and sponsors for helping Feed the Need to be our most successful fundraiser ever! We exceeded our goal by over $40,000. Simply amazing!

What a blessing it was for students, faculty, and volunteers to pack 10,000 meals at our Packing Party for those in need.

















SPORTS NEWS

JV AND VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	JV Ladies	JV Men	Varsity Ladies	Varsity Men	Depart	Dismiss
Tues. Dec. 3	Atmore	Away		4:30	5:30	7:00	2:15	1:50
Thurs. Dec. 5	Lighthouse Baptist	Away		4:30	5:30	7:00	2:00	1:35
Fri. Dec. 6	South Baldwin	Away		4:30	5:30	7:00	TBA	TBA
Tues. Dec. 10	SL Jones	Away		5:00	6:00	7:30		
Thurs. Dec. 12	Tate	Away			5:00			
Fri. Dec. 13	**PCA**	**Home**	**4:30**	**5:30**	**6:30**	**8:00**		
Tues. Dec. 17	LEAD Academy	Away				6:30		
Fri. Dec. 20	**Full Life**	**Home**				**7:00**		

CYSL Basketball games for 2nd-8th grades begin this month! Come out and support your Lions!



HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE



Thursday, December 19th
8:00 – 8:05 Homeroom
8:10 – 9:45 1st Period Exams
9:50 – 11:30 2nd Period Exams
11:35 – 11:50 Dismissal

Friday, December 20th
8:00 – 8:05 Homeroom
8:10 – 9:45 3rd Period Exams
9:50 – 11:30 4th Period Exams
11:35 – 11:50 Dismissal

*8th graders taking Algebra I will take their exam on Thursday, December 19th during 1st-4th periods.

ADMISSIONS NEWS

Beginning January 7th until February 14th, our current families may re-enroll for the 2025-2026 school year for a discounted registration rate. An email with the re-enrollment link will be sent to all of our families. Beginning February 17th, open spots will be available for new families.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Seniors: The FAFSA is now available. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a free form that students use to apply for federal, state, and school financial aid: grants, work-study, and loans.



DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

4 Coffee Truck Visit

7 SLU Auction and Christmas Performance

11 Legacy Group Breakfast

12 Christmas Spirit Day and Christmas Chapel

19 1/2 Day
Final Exams

20 1/2 Day
Final Exams

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