February 2025

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ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Be Different

A WORD FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR...

I am grateful for each of you who attended our Mission and Vision night. An email was sent out with a video of the presentation along with slides presented. Below are various highlights from the presentation:

Spiritual Development: It is our desire that spiritual development permeates throughout our campus and our culture in every aspect of our organization. From our Ignite Conference to our biblical integration in the classroom, it is the most important part of what we do here at Aletheia Christian.

Academics: A significant increase has been seen in student participation in Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement courses. Additionally, IXL has helped our students and teachers with identifying and addressing certain deficiencies that exist. Finally, we had a 90% passage rate for our Advanced Placement courses.

Athletics: This year CYSL has continued to thrive. Aletheia has seen several undefeated seasons and championships this year. We also added three varsity level sports to our program.

Fine Arts: We continue to increase our fine arts program. This year, we had performances and displays at our SLU Silent Auction. We will also be hosting a Lower School Spring Program that will highlight music and art.

Community Building: We offer over 20 opportunities throughout the year for our families to build community and culture. Please consider taking advantage of those opportunities.

Improvements: We completed our new six classroom building, baseball field, and new front gates. Additionally, we have added two classes to grades 4th-10th, along with administrative positions. Finally, we purchased a golf cart and van.

Other highlights included the 25-26 calendar, a discussion about our tuition increase, continuous improvements, and upcoming events.

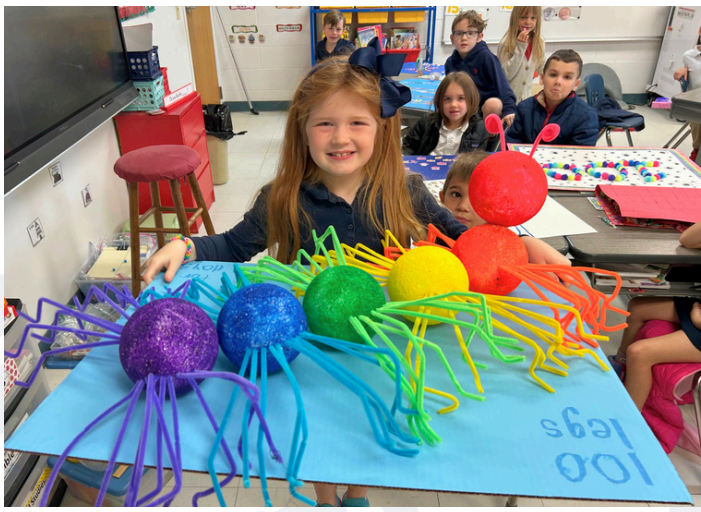
Please remember to re-enroll your student by February 14, 2025 to secure your spot for the 25-26 school year. Please contact mphipps@acalions.org and admissions@acalions.org with any questions.

BE BLESSED! BE DIFFERENT! GO, LIONS!

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Kindergarten and First Grade celebrated the 100th day of school at the end of January. These students enjoyed showing what they've learned in 100 days with many fun activities: Counting by 10's to 100 with goldfish, getting creative with 100 marshmallows, 100 exercises, making hats, showing off their creativity with posters, and even writing about what they would be like when they are 100 years old!







STARBASE FIELD TRIP

Students in Mrs. Reeder and Ms. Stroud's fifth grade classes enjoyed a field trip to NAS to participate in the DoD's STARBASE- an educational program full of "hands-on, mind-on" STEAM activities. They enjoyed coding Marty the Robot, experiencing the flight simulator, and even made an egg fly!



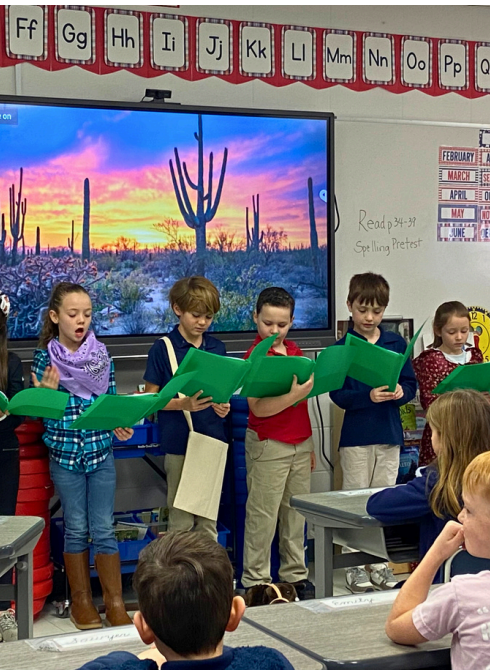
FOURTH GRADE MUSIC FUN

Fourth grade students will be playing the recorder in our Lions Fine Arts Spring Festival in April. Music teacher Mrs. Bowman gave them their first lesson last month and they are quickly learning some songs.

COMPUTER INVESTIGATION

All Lower School students visit the Library/Computer Lab weekly. Last month, Mrs. Taylor taught third grade students about hardware and how computers work. They looked inside a computer tower to find the computer's “brain”. These students were amazed by a floppy disc and even learned how to install a stick of RAM.





READER’S THEATRE

Each Thursday in January, Mrs. Davis’s second grade class performed Reader’s Theatre. Each student was assigned a specific character or characters from a script. Students took turns reading the lines of their assigned characters. Reader’s theater is a an engaging activity used to promote reading fluency, especially oral expression. These Lions loved showing off what they can do!

GRATITUDE LETTERS

Students in Mrs. Davis's eighth grade Bible class have been studying Paul's letter to the Romans, and learned about Paul establishing his spiritual authority because it was given by Christ.

Students wrote notes of gratitude to spiritual authority figures in their lives, their "Pauls", and told them the difference they make in their lives.





MIND MAPPING

Mrs. Thompson's ninth grade Bible students have been learning about biblical worldview. In groups, they created mind maps to visually represent the core beliefs of a Christian perspective. This project helps students understand the world and their place within it based on scripture.

COMPUTER DISSECTION

Students in AP Computer Science also had their turn at computer dissection. They studied the history of computers and learned how storage devices have developed from paper punch cards to micro SD cards. They even dissected a computer tower to see how computers are made.



SNOW DAYS

Our Lions enjoyed a very unexpected week off of school due to record breaking snowfall. They enjoyed building snowmen, making snow angels and everything that comes along with this beautiful winter weather.


















CANDY, CARDS, & CARNATIONS

Show your love, Lions! The SGA will begin selling 3Cs-Candy, Cards, Carnations-through Friday, February 7th. Order forms are available in the front office and during lunch and may be turned into the same locations.

Items will be delivered to the students on Thursday, February 13th.

$5 - Candy + Card + Carnation
$2.50 - Carnation + Card
$2.50 - Candy + Card

Candy (Choose One):
Hershey's
Skittles
Sour Straws
Reese's



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Upper School parents are invited for Coffee & Conversations on Friday, February 7th from 8:15am-9am.

Come for coffee and refreshments as Mr. Laxton discusses Upper School and answers questions you may have.

RSVP HERE

ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN

4th Annual Golf Tournament

Noon Shotgun Start
Stonebrook Golf Club

Feb 21st 2025

4 Man Scramble
Dinner and Door Prizes Included



Dinner provided by
JIM'N NICK'S COMMUNITY BAR-B-Q

REGISTER HERE

SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

Upper School students will be attending their Spiritual Conference on February 27th-28th at Liberty Church in Pace.

Students may be dropped off and picked up at Liberty Church or at the school to be transported.

Be on the lookout for more info and the permission slip. Contact Melanie Wiggins at mwiggins@acalions.com to volunteer to be a part of the day.

Goodbye Yesterday 2025
SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE
2 COR. 5:17

ALETHEIA SPIRIT WEEK 2/4-2/7

KONA ICE WILL VISIT WED!



Tuesday:
Rhyme Without Reason
Wednesday:
Color Wars
Thursday
Cowboys vs. Aliens
Friday:
Neon Day

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Matthew Day



Matthew Day attended Aletheia for 14 years beginning in pre-kindergarten through his senior year. Upon graduation Matthew attended the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2016. During his time in the Infantry, he attended various military schools and courses including Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger School. He served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division with deployments to both Afghanistan and Iraq.

In 2020 Matthew was selected for a branch transfer program within the Army and transitioned from the Infantry to Aviation. He attended Army flight school and became a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot. His Aviation assignment brought him to Colorado where he served in a Medical Officer role as a MEDEVAC Platoon Leader and pilot.

Matthew is currently serving as a Company Commander for a Forward Support Company assigned to an Assault Aviation Battalion. This role is normally filled by a Logistics Officer; however, due to his varied experience across multiple Army branches, he was asked to step into this role. He is currently transitioning out of his Company Command time and will move to serve as a staff officer on the 4th Infantry Division Staff. While by no means following a standard Army career path, Matthew has a deep love for learning and is grateful for the opportunity to serve in so many varied roles across the Army.

Matthew is the proud father of two young boys, Charles and Lincoln, and is encouraged and supported in all things by his loving wife, Abigail. Matthew will always attest that she has been an instrumental part of his journey and continues to be a driving force behind his zeal for new adventures in life.

Anyone who knows Matthew knows that in addition to his faith and family, he is also proud and passionate about the ventures into real estate and business he has pursued alongside Abigail. They began in real estate by flipping houses, parlayed that into more real estate, and now have transitioned into purchasing distressed businesses. Together they currently own and operate four different businesses in the services industry and plan to expand as Matthew transitions out of active duty service over the next two years.

SPORTS NEWS

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 3-4, 6	Preaseason Classic	PHS	TBA
Fri. Feb. 14	Pensacola High School	Home	3:30
Tues. Feb. 25	Laurel Hill	Home	3:00
Fri. Feb. 28	Washington	Away	4:00



MARK YOUR CALENDARS-VARSITY BASKETBALL

- Senior Night 2/7
- Regionals 2/7-11
- Final Four 2/17-18
- PCC All-Star Games 3/2

DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Make sure you have joined the Band app for updates and open gym times. Stay tuned for info from Coach McDonald about practice times and the game schedule.

FROM THE APA

Thank you to the families who came out to support our Spirit Night at Lost Pizza Nine Mile. We raised over $375 to use for blessing our faculty and staff!

Scan here to join the APA Band

Our next event is a Valentine's Breakfast for teachers and staff on February 13th. Please check out our sign up sheet HERE to bring something to this event.

Stay up to date and look for others ways to get involved on the Band app: https://band.us/n/abac09uc1bb2Q or scan the code.

ADMISSIONS NEWS

Re-enrollment for our current families began last month and will end on February 14th. Aletheia has witnessed exceptional growth over the last several years that has led to our highest enrollment to date. **It is imperative that you re-enroll your student(s) as soon as possible to secure their spot for the 25-26 school year.** Failure to register your student(s) by February 14th will result in your student(s) not having a guaranteed spot in their class for the 2025-2026 school year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Cinda Skaggs admissions@acalions.org.

GUIDANCE NEWS

A big congratulations to two of our seniors, Stephen Leavitt and Hollis Scott, for their early admission to the University of Florida! With an acceptance rate of just 24%, UF is highly competitive, and we couldn't be prouder of these Lions for their dedication and hard work in academics. What an incredible achievement!



Beginning to look into scholarships? Click here for helpful information.

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

3	Class Picture Day
5	Kona Ice Visit
14	Teacher PD Day-No School
17	President's Day
21	Golf Tournament
27-28	Spiritual Conference

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