

NEWS LETTER

1st Quarter



Important Upcoming Events

- Nov. 11** Veteran's Day Celebration Lunch
- Nov. 21** Fall Family Harvest
- Nov. 23** ACA Family & Friends Day @ UVA
- Nov. 25-29** Thanksgiving Break, School Closed
- Dec. 5** Christmas Program
- Dec. 9-13** Spirit Week
- Dec. 18** Polar Express Day

Message from the Director

Greetings Parents and ACA Partners,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. ACA opened the year with 136 students; that is a 35% increase from where we ended last May. We had a successful fall athletic season for all of our teams. Our upper school participated in volleyball for the first time; cross country continued to be competitive throughout their season, and we also were able to offer elementary soccer for the first time. Thank you to our athletes and families for being good representatives of ACA by showing great sportsmanship.

Our younger students have had the opportunity to visit with many community visitors including the Augusta County Sheriff's Office and local fire department.

Our second quarter will bring about many exciting opportunities for our students. We will kick off our One School, One Book experience, and students will be reading *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. This book aligns with our Daring to be Different yearly theme in which we are challenging and encouraging students to Dare to be Different in their walk with Christ as well as learning to see their individual differences as strengths and appreciating the unique way in which God created them.

I encourage you to read through our quarterly news to learn more about exciting events and the wonderful things happening at Augusta Christian Academy.

Please continue to follow our social media post and school webpage for important happenings and updates.

We continue to be so thankful for all that the Lord has blessed us with and all that He continues to provide to our school. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this special time in your child's life.

Vanessa Mundie

Get to know our Featured Volunteer

Mr. Jim Biggs has always had a passion to see kids come to know Christ and want to serve Him. For many years, Mr. Biggs and his wife, Sandy, taught 5th grade boys and girls Sunday school in Illinois and Texas. They also started King's Kids' Programs in Texas and Virginia. Mr. Biggs took care of his bedridden wife for 7 years until she passed away in 2020. When ACA was started, Mr. Biggs was very excited to be involved in the start of the school, serving as a volunteer. He worked endless hours the first summer before the school opened building teachers' desks, as well as putting together lockers, lunch tables, and chairs. Once the school was opened, he served faithfully last year as the "snack man" in the mornings. This year, he is best known for serving breakfast in the mornings and keeping paper products stocked in all bathrooms. One of his favorite things about ACA is being the #1 fan of all Rhino sports' teams. He makes every effort to be at cross country, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Mr. Biggs rarely, if ever, misses an ACA sponsored event! The students at ACA brighten up his day and give him something to look forward to daily!



November Year End Giving Campaign

The ACA School Board is declaring the month of November a time of giving for Augusta Christian Academy. Our goal is to raise \$100K during our year end giving campaign. During the giving campaign, all one-time donations totaling up to \$50,000 will be matched. A change in our financial backing has led to a financial shortfall that will occur by the end of the year. We desperately need your support. There are several ways you can help us reach our goal:

1. One time donation matched by a local business up to \$50K
2. Stock as a financial gift which is tax deductible to the donor
3. Anyone over 70 1/2 can do a charitable donation from their IRA to satisfy their RMD.

We ask that you consider this to be your year-end giving for 2024.
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Year End GIVING Campaign

ALL one-time donations totaling up to \$50,000 will be matched! Will you join in our year end giving campaign?

Write a Review and WIN

Please support ACA by leaving a google review on Augusta Christian's search page. Positive reviews from current ACA families will provide other families searching for a Christian school an invaluable resource.

Leave a review between November 1 and November 15 and be entered into a drawing for an ACA Yeti cup.



School Board News

Please visit the School Board tab on our school website for any questions that you may have related to the ACA School Board. There are currently two open positions on the board. If you know of a community member that may be interested in serving on the ACA School Board, there is a nomination link on the webpage. On Tuesday, December 10th, the ACA School Board meeting will be open to all staff and families. The meeting will begin at 5:30pm. More information and the meeting agenda will be shared as the date gets closer.



Local Church Visits

ACA is working hard to spread the word! We are looking to partner with area churches in many ways. ACA would love to visit your church and share information. Please help us in spreading the word and setting up visits at local churches. If your church is willing to host an ACA Day, please contact Jim Lundy at jlundy@acavirginia.org.



Parents' Association News

Please reserve the 3rd Thursday each month beginning at 5:30 pm. If you're unable to attend in person, an online link is available and will be shared ahead of time. Many thanks to those who have been participating in the meetings; we have had a great turnout for the past two months. There is always room for others to join!

Based on our September election, Mrs. Hannah Cooper is serving as president, Ms. Samantha Halterman as vice president, and Ms. Christy Painter as secretary. Many thanks to the previous board leaders for helping to kick off the first year of the PA group: April Pannel, Amy Markham, Ashley Phillips, and Amanda Zipf. We appreciate your hard work!!

ACA Family and Friends Day at UVA

We are excited to be the featured guests at the UVA vs. SMU football game scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd (game time TBA). We hope that you and your friends and family will plan to take advantage of this experience. Our Friends and Family Day offers us the opportunity to purchase tickets at a discounted rate (\$21) and have reserved seating. With 75 guests, we will have the opportunity to be in the Hi-Five Wahoo Tunnel with players. If we reach 100 guests, we get a behind-the-scenes tour of locker rooms and "all things" UVA football. Tickets will be purchased directly through UVA. Please visit our webpage at acavirginia.org under Upcoming Events. Feel free to share this information with your friends and family.

